PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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FEBRUARY 11, 1860 TO JUNE 7, 1878

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RECORDS

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3 Jeremiah Colburn
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5 William E. Lamb
8b Henry D. Fowle
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Boston Numismatic
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Constitution.

Art. 1. This society shall be called the Boston Numismatic Society. Its object shall be the promotion of Numismatic Science, and the formation of a Cabinet and Library for the use of members.

Art. 2. The Society shall consist of Resident, Corresponding and Honorary Members.

Art. 3. The Officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Curator; all of whom shall be elected annually at the stated meeting in January.

Art. 4. The offices of Vice-President and Curator shall be held by one and the same person.

Art. 5. The rights of voting, of holding offices and of transacting business shall be confined to Resident Members.

Art. 6. The Society shall establish such By-Laws as may be deemed necessary for its government and regulation.

Art. 7. No change shall be made in this Constitution unless by a vote of three-fourths of the members present at a stated meeting, and unless notice of the proposed change shall have been given in writing at a previous meeting.

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By-Laws

Art. I. The President shall occupy the chair at the meetings of the Society and nominate all committees. He shall give the casting vote when necessary.

Art. II. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President; and in the absence of both, a President pro-tempore shall preside.

Art. III. The Secretary shall take correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society; preserve all documents belonging thereto; notify all members of their election, as well as all committees of their appointment, and keep a correct list of the members of the Society.

Art. IV. The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the funds of the Society; and attend to the collection and payment of monies. But no payment shall be made except by an order from the President. He shall present a statement of all receipts and expenditures at the annual meeting in January.

Art. V. The Curator shall have charge of the Cabinet, and all specimens and books belonging to the Society, and report on their condition at the annual meeting in January, and shall announce all donations and purchases at each monthly meeting.

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Art. VI. Any candidate for membership must be proposed in writing by a member, and may be balloted for at the next meeting of the Society, when one negative vote shall defeat his election.

Art. VII. No person residing in Massachusetts shall be chosen a Corresponding Member, and no Corresponding Member shall continue such after removing into this state.

Art. VIII. No resident member shall be entitled to the privileges of membership, until he shall have paid the entrance fee.

Art. IX. No note shall be taken of the rejection of any person by ballot.

Art. X. Every resident member shall pay to the Treasurer a fee of two dollars annually.

Art. XI. Any member shall have leave to resign upon application in writing, provided he can produce a certificate from the Treasurer that all sums due from him to the Society have been paid.

Art. XII. The stated meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Saturday of every month at hours fixed from time to time by the Society.

Art. XIII. Special meetings may be called by resolution of the Society, by public notice from the President, or at the written request of three members.

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Art. XIV. Assessments may be imposed at any time, when three-fourths of the members present at any meeting shall vote it to be necessary.

Art. XV. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held at 4 P.M.

Art. XVI. None of these by-laws shall be suspended, except by a vote of three-fourths of the members present at any meeting.

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5/3/61

10/4/61

4/4/62

Members.

19	Philip S. Sprague	×
11.	Henry M. Brooks.	×
10	Hearing Burr Jr	×
14	Henry S. Adams	×
×		
11 Jas. Reams		
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12	Edward S. Pand Jr.	×
9	Joseph M Finotti	×
23	A. E. Fisher.	
20	Saml. Jennison.	×
21	J. P. Putnam	
24	Ameni Brown	
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U.S. Fisher		
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Wm Clark		
28.		
N. Bates		
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S Spinney/22		
27	Edmund F. Slafter	
	Samuel A. Green.	

1/15/63

E.C. Hammer

6/4/63

2/4/64

1/5/65

James Parker

1/4/66

2/4/69

6/3/69

11/3/70

30 Geo F. Feeney

W. H. Wheeler

E. Goowinsfield

Benjn F. Nourse

E. L. Mitchell

John B. Rhodes.

Sylvester S. Crosby.

L. A. E. Root.

M. D. Gilman

Elliot

	3/2/71
	11/6/73
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	2/5/74
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	3/12/86
	1/8/86

John Robinson	
Lorin G. Parmele	
Henry W. Holland	
Geo. Creamer	
Marcellus Littlefield	Cram
Dudley R. Child	Lord
W. T. R. Marvin	
Thomas Hall, Jr.	
W. Elliot Woodward	
Charles Dana Thompson	Maine
Denison Rogers Slade	Herman Weaver
Thomas Jefferson Coolidge Jr.	

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Proceedings-

1860- Eight gentlemen met by invitation on Saturday Feb. 11 at the rooms of the N.E. Historic-Genealogical Society, 18 Bromfield St. Mr. Jeremiah Colburn occupied the chair, and Mr. Wm. Appleton officiated as Secretary- The secretary read a constitution, which was allowed to lie over till another meeting. On motion of Mr. Pratt a committee of three viz. Messrs. Pratt, Shurtleff & Davenport was appointed to report a list of officers on the first Saturday in March- The chairman was added to the committee and the meeting adjourned at half past five-

Wm. S. Appleton Sec.

March third- Several gentlemen met at the same place at four o'clock- On motion of Mr. Davenport it was voted to proceed immediately to form a Society to be called the Boston Numismatic Society- The constitution and by-laws read at the preliminary meeting were then adopted by vote of the Society, and signed by the gentlemen present- The report of the nominating committee was then read and accepted. The officers are the following-

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April fourth- The Society met on Friday at 4 P.M. Mr. Colburn Vice-President took the chair- The Secretary's report was read & accepted- Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, Dr. A. A. Gould & S. R. Spinney of this city were duly elected resident members-

President — Dr. Windsor Lewis.
Vice-Pres. & Curator. Jeremiah Colburn.
Treasurer. Henry Davenport.
Secretary. William S. Appleton.

On motion of Mr. Lamb Messrs. Davenport and Pratt were appointed a committee to confer with Hon. C. F. Adams on the subject of our National Medals. The Vice President was afterwards added to the committee. Messrs. Colburn, Lamb & others exhibited coins. Specimens of imperial Roman gold, of the two cents of Washington cents of 1792, and of a rare type of New York Confederatio were especially admired. The names of several gentlemen were proposed for membership, and at five and a quarter the meeting adjourned.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

April seventh. The Vice President called the meeting to order, shortly after 4. The secretary read the report of the previous meeting. Messrs Finotti, Barr, Brooks, Card, Hearns, Endicott, Ellis, Adams and Bryant were elected members. Mr. Davenport read a letter from Hon. C. F. Adams in reply to the communication from the Society. Mr. Pratt on behalf of the Mass. Horticultural Society announced their

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intention to give a set of their medals to our Society. Mr. Pratt moved and it was voted that the secretary ask of the Mass. Charitable Mechanics' Association a set of their medals in silver and bronze. Mr. Poole exhibited some very fine ancient coins, principally of the kingdoms founded by the generals of Alexander the Great. Mr. Davenport exhibited some very curious Chinese and Japanese coins, and the secretary some coins of Georgia in Asia. The meeting adjourned at five and a quarter.

Wm. S. Appleton Secy.

May fifth. The Society met at 4¼. The Vice President in the chair. The secretary read a report of the last meeting. Messrs. Jones, Sprague and Jennison were elected members. The secretary announced the reception of three letters accepting membership from Messrs. Finotti, Shearns and Endicott. Mr. Colburn the Vice-President made a donation to the Society of seven volumes containing numismatic information. Mr. Davenport exhibited a piece of copper having somewhat the shape of an anchor, and read a letter describing it as a coin of the Aztecs of Mexico, where it was found. The subject was referred to the Secretary. The propriety of changing the day of

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meeting was considered, but the matter was postponed till the next meeting. Mr. Davenport gave notice that at the next meeting he should move to adopt the scale of the Numismatic Society of Philadelphia. At half past five the meeting adjourned.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

June second. The meeting was called to order by J. Colburn V.P. and the secretary being absent Henry Davenport was chosen sec. pro tem. Mr. Colburn brought forward a set of five Danish coins, four silver, 1 copper struck for the West Indies, presented to the Society by C. C. Hammer Danish Vice-Consul. On motion of Mr. Lamb, Voted, that the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Hammer for his generous donation, and that the secretary be requested to communicate the above to Mr. Hammer. Mr. Pratt presented one silver and two copper medals, a donation to the Society from the Mass. Horticultural Society. Voted, that the thanks of the Society be presented to said Society, and that the above vote be transmitted to the Secretary thereof. Mr. Paate exhibited a beautiful bronze medal of Washington, struck by the

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Mint at Phil. to commemorate the inauguration of the Washington Cabinet of Medals Feb. 22, 1860. On motion of Mr. Davenport Voted, that this Society adopt the scale of sizes used and adopted by the Numismatic Society of Phil. Voted, that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a circular, stating the existence of this Society, and its readiness to receive and preserve such coins and medals as may be presented to it. Dr. Lewis, G. W. Pratt and H. Davenport were then appointed by the chair. Mr. Davenport reported in regard to a certificate of membership, that one could be procured for about 20 or 25 dollars and that the engraver would furnish a drawing free of charge. Mr. Davenport was requested to procure the drawing and exhibit it at the next meeting. Voted, that until otherwise ordered, the meetings of this Society shall in future be held on the first Friday in each month at 4 o'clock P. M. Adjourned at 5½ P. M.

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July sixth. The monthly meeting of the Society was held on Friday, Mr. Colburn V.P. in the chair. The secretary read the report of the previous meeting, which was accepted. Mr. Davenport exhibited a drawing for a certificate of membership, which was adopted with some slight changes. The secretary announced a donation of one silver and one bronze medal from the Mass. Charitable Mechanic Association. On motion of Mr. Davenport the thanks of the Society were voted and ordered to be transmitted to the M. C. M. Association. The Secretary read a short essay on the money of the Aztecs, in connection with the curious coin exhibited at the last meeting. Mr. Colburn presented to the Society two large-paper priced catalogues of coin-sales in Phil., for which the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Colburn. Mr. Davenport for the committee read a circular, which he had prepared, and which was ordered to be printed with some unimportant changes. The Secretary was ordered to request of the Director of the Mint, for the Society, specimens of the Medals struck at the completion of the Washington Cabinet.

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August third. Mr. Colburn V.P. called the meeting to order shortly after four. The secretary read the report of the previous meeting. Mr. Davenport exhibited a proof of the certificate of membership, in which a few unimportant changes were suggested. Mr. Colburn called the attention of the members to some fine specimens of rare coins, among which were a Carolina half-penny and a "Castorland" half-dollar in gold. At five o'clock the meeting adjourned.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

September seventh. Mr. Colburn V.P. took the chair at a quarter past four. The secretary read his report and distributed the certificates of membership among the gentlemen present. Mr. Colburn, as curator, announced donations of coins from Mr. Shearer, a member of the Society, and from Mr. Brock of Richmond, Va. Mr. Higgin presented to the Society a proof set of the silver of this year,

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and Mr. Poole a Liberia cent. The thanks of the Society were voted to all these gentlemen for their generous donations. Mr. Wiggin exhibited some Chinese paper-money, and Mr. Pratt some beautiful and interesting foreign medals. Considerable discussion took place on these and other subjects, and the meeting adjourned soon after five.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

October fifth. The monthly meeting of the Society was held this day at the rooms of the Hist. Genealogical Society, J. Colburn V.P. in the chair, H. Davenport Sec. pro. tem. The records of the last meeting were read. Mr. Colburn exhibited four medalets presented to the Society by J. K. Curtis Esq of New York. Voted that the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Curtis for his handsome donation. Several coins and medals were exhibited by different members. The meeting adjourned at 1/4 past five.

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Mr. J. P. Putnam of Boston, was elected a resident member of the Society. A donation of eight medals in white metal of the Presidents & others was received from Mr. Brooks of Salem, a member of the Society, another of a brass yetton from Lt. Col. J. D. Graham U.S.A., and another of the "Franco-Americana" in bronze from N. Davenport – The thanks of the Society were voted to each of these gentlemen – Adjourned –

N. Davenport, Sec. pro tem.

December seventh – The regular monthly meeting was held & six members were present – The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, and Mr. N. Davenport officiated as secretary pro tem – A donation of copper tokens & cents was received from Mr. N. S. Adams – It was voted That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Adams – A number of coins were exhibited the property of R. S. Parker Esq., viz, 17 Siamese – 8 silver 3 gold – 6 of glass, stone or gum, 4 Japanese – & 3 said to be Chinese, in shape like

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N. Davenport Sec pro tem.

1861 January eleventh, 1861 – The annual meeting of the Society was held, the President in the chair – The Secretary read the report of the last meeting – The Treasurer made his annual report, which was accepted, Mr. Pratt, who was appointed auditor, having approved it – The Curator read his annual report on the coins & books, & it was accepted – On motion of Mr. Colburn a committee of three was appointed to report a list of officers for the present year – They reported the former list which was accepted – The President made a donation of ten Papal bronze medals and a proof set of the silver coinage of 1859 – The thanks of the Society were voted for this generous & acceptable present – Mr. Davenport moved that the Curator procure a proof set of the silver coins of 1861, but as Mr. Pratt offered to give one, the motion was withdrawn – Messrs Davenport, Shurtleff & others exhibited coins, among which were a beautiful Washington medal in gold "He is in glory, the world in tears," another of Washington, known as the "Fame" medal, a very fine Connecticut cent

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February first. The Society met at four o'clock, the President in the chair. The Secretary read his report, & brought forward a donation from Mr. Wiggin, consisting of Chinese paper-money & coins. Mr. Davenport presented some foreign coins, which he had received from Rev. R. H. Clapp of Providence, R.I. He also called the attention of the members to some curious medals, of which he asked an explanation. Various conjectures were offered, & a medal on the destruction of Kittanning was referred to the Vice-President, an apparently Roman medal with a sow & pigs on one side & two youthful heads on the other to Mr. Lamb, & a medal of Queen Dido to the Secretary, with a request that they would give some account of them at the next meeting. The President also exhibited a specimen of Japanese sheet-work, being a mirror with a richly ornamented back. It attracted great attention & interest. Mr. Davenport exhibited an eagle struck from gold

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March first. The President called the meeting to order at 4 o'clock. The report of the last meeting was read, and Dr. S. A. Green was elected a resident member of the Society. Mr. Bryant presented a copy of Vaillant's Work on Roman Coins, printed at Paris 1694.[14] and Mr. Davenport, a set of the new Canadian silver money. Mr. Colburn V.P. read a description of the medal on the destruction of Kittanning, and an account of the recipient of it and the cause of its presentation. The President exhibited a curious medal of Andrew Sutis, apparently of Italian origin, and an extremely beautiful shilling of Henry VII, with the Latin number Septim, which he described as very rare indeed. Mr. Lamb exhibited a silver coin of Ferdinand, II of Naples, on which the words Pax & Bonba were stamped, and a seal or die, which bears the crocodile and palm-tree of ancient Nismes. Mr. Davenport also exhibited some bronze German medals lately struck in honor of

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Luther and the Confession of Augsburg.
On motion of Mr. Davenport the Curator was authorized to purchase American coins or medals to the amount of twenty-five dollars. Dr. Shurtleff offered a resolution, which was carried, That the Boston Numismatic Society will do all in its power to expose those who alter the dates of coins and those who make a trade of selling such as have been altered, thereby deluding the unsuspecting and destroying confidence in rare specimens. The meeting adjourned at about five o'clock.

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April fifth. The Society met at the usual hour with the President in the chair. The report of the last meeting having been read, Mr. Wm. E. Dubois of Philadelphia was elected an Honorary Member. The President called the attention of the members to a cabinet which he presented to the Society, and which was standing in the room. Mr. Colburn announced a donation from Mr. F. W. Lincoln of London, Eng., comprising 26 coins mostly of the English series, beginning with one of William the Conqueror. The Secretary read

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a letter from Mr. E.G. Squier of New York, accompanying a donation of a periodical in Spanish published at Bogota, containing an account of some South American coins and medals. The Secretary himself presented some American half-dollars, and some coin-catalogues. The thanks of the Society were voted for each of these gifts. Dr. Shurtleff read a short paper on Admiral Vernon and the attack on Carthagena in 1741. He exhibited a medal of the Admiral, and mentioned particularly the services of Lawrence Washington, who accompanied the expedition as Captain of a Colonial regiment, and after his return named his estate Mount Vernon in honor of the Admiral. The President exhibited a curious ancient medal of the God Priapus and a coin of Antioch. An extraordinary Chinese coin or medal was exhibited together with other pieces of less interest. The meeting considered at some length the propriety of changing the Society's room, and adjourned shortly after five.

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May third. The meeting came to order at half past four, and in the absence of the President & Vice President Mr. Pratt was chosen President pro tem. The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting and a letter accepting honorary membership from Mr. Dubois of Philadelphia. Mr. Aron E. Fisher was duly elected a resident member. Mr. Pratt exhibited a fine gold copang of Japan. The Society adjourned soon after five.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

June seventh. The meeting was called to order shortly after 4 by the Vice President, Mr. Colburn. The Secretary read his report which was accepted. Mr. Pratt presented a copy of Snowden's Work on the Washington & other national Medals, for which the usual vote of thanks was passed. Mr. Fisher exhibited a small bronze medal struck to commemorate the French Revolution of Feb. 1848, which was taken from the body of a French soldier killed at Rome the following year. Mr. Colburn exhibited a curious silver medal belonging to Mr. S. G. Drake. It bears the date 1588, and was apparently struck to celebrate the overthrow and destruction of the Spanish Armada.

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It attracted great attention, but unfortunately bears no mark of its origin. Mr. Davenport exhibited a specimen of Chinese paper-money. The members passed an hour in the discussion of these pieces and other subjects connected with our peculiar science, and adjourned at 5½ P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

July fifth. The Society met at the usual hour, the President in the chair. The report of the last meeting was read and accepted. Mr. Colburn U.S. exhibited a new variety of Japanese silver 18 money, and read a brief memoir concerning it from Mr. W. E. Dubois of Philadelphia, an honorary member. Dr. Foote presented to the Society two medals, one of which is extremely interesting. It bears a Dutch inscription and celebrates the evacuation of Rhode Island by the Americans in August 1778, but nothing is known of its origin. The Society passed a vote of thanks for this valuable present. Dr. Foote exhibited some very good copies of rare medals, made by a form of the electrotyping process. Mr. Colburn exhibited some interesting coins, ancient and modern, and Mr. Davenport called the attention of the Society to a beautiful Pine-tree twopence,

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Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

August second. The Society met at four o'clock, the President in the chair. The Secretary read his report, and presented a few coins to the Society for the cabinet. Mr. Davenport read a paper originally prepared for the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia by Mr. W. E. Dubois of that city, upon the universal distribution and admixture of gold over the surface of the earth. It contained some curious and interesting facts. Mr. Pratt exhibited a small silver medal of the date 1551 with a scene from the Bible on each side. Mr. Davenport exhibited a valuable collection of ancient coins and gems. It contained nine beautiful gold pieces of Alexander and Philip of Macedon, and a large number of silver coins of Greece, Rome, Egypt and other countries. They attracted great attention and were much admired. The Secretary exhibited a series of medals struck in honor of Admiral Vernon's victories at Porto Bello and Carthagena.

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It comprised nine varieties, one of which bears the words "I.W. fecit," but this is the only intimation of the engraver's name. The Secretary also called the attention of the members to a Russian amulet of brass. It contains small enamelled figures of the Madonna and saints and an inscription, which is untranslatable without the aid of a priest, and is such as soldiers and travellers wear for their protection. The Society voted to omit the next monthly meeting, and adjourned at five to the regular meeting for October.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

October fourth. The Society met at 4 P.M., the Vice-President occupying the chair. The Secretary's report was read & accepted. Dr. John Curwen of Harrisburg, Pa., & Mr. J. J. Mickley of Philadelphia were elected honorary members of the Society, & Dr. Ammi Brown of this city was elected a resident member, all under a suspension of the sixth bylaw. A donation was received through Mr. Pratt from Mr. S. R. Spinney of South Boston, to whom the thanks of the Society were voted. A remarkably curious & perfect series of Chinese coins was exhibited by Mr. Pratt;

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They were very neatly arranged on seven sheets of card-board, extended as far back as the Christian era, & contained some of a strange shape, not easily likened to anything. Mr. Ellis exhibited some modern coins & some ancient ones found in digging near London bridge. The Secretary exhibited a French copper coin of the date 1751, found among the ruins of Fort Ticonderoga, where it was probably dropped by a soldier. Mr. Davenport showed some Japanese coins, some medals & a small ancient gold Hindoo coin, of which he read a short description. The Vice-President exhibited an impression of a curious coin or medal lately found in Philadelphia: no satisfactory explanation has as yet been given of it. Dr. Poole called the attention of the members to a collection of about forty ancient coins, which were found in the island of Candia, together with a small bronze image of a winged deity. The number of coins exhibited was unusually large, & the meeting was in consequence a very interesting one. The meeting adjourned at 5 1/4.

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November first. The President called the meeting to order at the usual hour. The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting and letters accepting honorary membership from Dr. Curwen and Mr. Mickley. Miss Anna P. Jones of this city was duly elected an honorary member. The President presented six medals and coins, for which the thanks of the Society were voted. He also exhibited several medals, including a beautiful Portuguese silver one of the year 1775. Mr. Fisher exhibited a small cabinet, containing a remarkably good collection of Masonic medals and tokens, chiefly beautiful specimens. On motion of Dr. Foote the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Fisher for exhibiting this beautiful collection and adding so much to the interest of the meeting. Mr. Fisher presented to the Society a magnifying-glass of three lenses. Dr. Foote exhibited a handsome collection of ancient coins and a copper image of a female figure found in the island of Delos. The Secretary read a note from Mr. Brooks, accompanying a donation of twenty-two coins of various countries. Mr. Davenport exhibited a small brass "secession" medal of 1861, which attracted a good deal of interest. On motion of Mr. Colburn a committee was appointed to

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December sixth. The Society met at four P.M. The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting, which was accepted. He also read a letter from the Sec. of the Numismatic Society of Philadelphia, and the address presented by the committee of our Society to the Director of the Mint together with his answer. He also read a letter from Rev. Mr. Finotti, accompanying a donation of casts to the Society. Mr. Pratt presented some foreign coins, and in the name of Miss Jane Stuart two beautiful bronze medals of the American Art-Union. The President presented a fine cast of the large medal of Henry Clay. Mr. Pratt exhibited specimens of the paper-currency of the "Southern Confederacy," which attracted considerable attention. Some of them

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Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

1862 January third, '62. The annual meeting of the Society was held this afternoon at 3½. In the absence of the President, Mr. Colburn V.P. occupied the chair. The Secretary's report was read and accepted, and Mr. D. S. Fisher was duly elected a Resident Member. The Curator, Mr. Colburn reported as to the condition of the Society's Cabinet & Library, stating their condition to be favorable. The Treasurer, Mr. Davenport made an informal report, promising a

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more regular one at the next meeting. The chairman appointed Messrs. Pratt and Fisher a committee to nominate a board of officers for the present year; the committee reported the former list, which was adopted. Mr. Fisher exhibited a gold denarius of the Emperor Anastasius, about A.D. 500, and a silver medal struck by the German Protestants in 1634 to commemorate the death of Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden. The Secretary exhibited a cylindrical ornament of very pure gold from the Coast of Guinea; it is worth more than seven dollars, and perhaps formed part of a chain or necklace. The Society adjourned at quarter before 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

February seventh. The Society met at 4 P.M. Mr. Colburn V.P. took the chair in the absence of the President. The Secretary read his report and presented on behalf of the Director of the Mint the last report of that officer. A donation was also received from Mr. Geo. Linder of this city. The Secretary exhibited two English medals, struck to celebrate the defeat of the forces of the Pretender and the conclusion of the Great Rebellion of 1745. Mr. Colburn exhibited one of the bronze medals lately struck at Philadelphia on occasion of the taking of the oath

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Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

March sixth. The Society met on Thursday shortly after 4. The report of the last meeting was read, and the Rev. William Clark of Melrose was duly elected a Resident Member. A silver medallet of Washington was received from Mr. J. K. Curtis of New York, through the hands of Mr. Colburn. The thanks of the Society were voted therefor. The President presented two foreign coins and a medal of Leopold I Emperor of Germany. Three foreign catalogues containing books on Numismatics were received from New York, and from Mr. Cogan of Philadelphia an auction-catalogue of coins. Mr. Putnam exhibited a fine and beautiful crown of the Pretender as James VIII of Scotland; it has the date 1716, and

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The Secretary presented some few foreign and American coins, & Mr. Ellis quite a large package of the same description. Mr. Davenport presented a dime of 1796, and Dr. Fowle an old button of the Ancient & Hon. Artillery Company with the date of organization. The Secretary made a short statement concerning the curious copper coin shown at the last meeting, and exhibited a small piece of silver cob-money with the same monogram on one side. Mr. Jennison exhibited a curious silver medal of 1597 and a Vargas dollar, which is quite rare. Mr. Ellis exhibited some paper-money & Dr. Fowle some beautiful impressions of ancient seals. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Lamb on some of the foreign coins exhibited by Dr. Fowle last autumn. The Society passed a vote expressing their thanks to the writer & their desire that the paper should be published in the most desirable manner. The Treasurer stated the finances to be in such a flourishing condition that a vote was passed authorizing a further expenditure of twenty dollars for coins. The chairman alluded to the fact that pieces have been struck lately from old dies or in imitation of earlier medals, but bearing no mark of their real date. A desire was expressed that a committee should be appointed to prepare

a list of such pieces, as far as can be ascertained. Mr Higgin was nominated as such committee, and the Vice-President was added to it. Mr. Davenport suggested that a sum should be fixed for which any member of the Society might become a Life Member. After some few remarks the matter was left for further discussion at a future meeting. The Secretary expressed a desire to resign his office in view of his approaching departure for Europe, but agreed to retain ~~to retain~~ it and to act during his absence as Foreign Corresponding Secretary. The Society suspended Article Six of the By-laws and elected Mr. John G. Akerman of London, Eng., an Honorary Member. Adjourned at 5½.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

Akerman

May first, 1862. The Society met on Thursday at 4 p.m. The President in the chair. The Secretary Wm. S. Appleton, Esq. having left in the Steamer of yesterday for the purpose of spending the Summer in Europe. Mr Colburn was chosen Secretary pro tem. during his absence. The record of the last meeting & letter from Edmund F. Slafter, accepting membership were read. & also letters from Augustine Shurtleff & Rev. William Clark resigning membership. Mr Clark having unexpectedly been called to duties in another State. was proposed by Mr Colburn as a

Corresponding Member. The Treasurer was requested to forward Mr Shurtleff a copy of the XI by-law of the Society having reference to the resignation of any member. Mr Colburn exhibited a set of the rare Scotch Coins of Mary & Henry Darnley — the Rial or Dollar, the 2/3rd of a dollar, the Testoon & half Testoon. Several additions were made to the Series of American Silver, by purchase, and a donation of a copy of Satterlee's Tokens was made by Mr Pratt.

Adjourned to Thursday, June 5th

J. Colburn. Sec. pro. tem.

June 5. 1862. The Society met this afternoon at 4 p.m. the President in the Chair. Notice having been given at a previous meeting the following was adopted at "Article 8th" — an amendment of the Constitution — "Any person regularly chosen, may become a Life Member of this Society by paying to the Treasurer the sum of Twenty dollars, which sum shall entitle him to the privileges of Membership free from all dues and assessments."

Revd Wm Clarke, of Brattleboro', Vt. was elected a Corresponding Member. The resignation of Dr Augustine Shurtleff was accepted. Dr Lewis presented a Medal & Mr Davenport a Spanish 4d. to the Society.

Several Medals & Coins of an interesting character were exhibited, a notice of which and a report of the Committee appointed at a previous meeting is herewith subjoined.

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SECOND EDITION.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 10, 1862.

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. The monthly meeting of this Society was held in the afternoon of the 5th inst., the President in the chair. Several medals and coin of an interesting character were exhibited; among the medals was one in silver of Oliver Cromwell; *obverse*—a finely raised head and bust of the Protector with the inscription—*Oliv. D. Gr. P. Ang. Sco. Hib. Pro.* Reverse—the arms of Cromwell supported by a lion—*rampant*—with the legend *Pax Quæritur Bello*, size 22. A full set of Pical, the silver currency of Siam, consisting of eight pieces, the largest weighing two ounces, attracted much attention; also a specimen of the Baltimore Town piece,—*obverse*—Head of Standish Barry, "Baltimore Town, July 4th, 90;" *reverse*—"Standish Barry, Three Pence."

The committee to which was referred the subject of electrotype, and false coins, reported, in part, as follows: "The electrotype copies of rare coins are more deceptive than the pieces struck from the new dies described in this communication. The coin market is regularly supplied with facsimilies of many rare and valuable coins in the American series. In many instances they are so skilfully done as to deceive collectors of much experience. But by a careful examination of the face and edge of the piece they can be detected, and from the absence of the ring of the genuine coin. There are several persons who make a business of issuing and selling these copies; they solicit the loan of fine and rare coins *to copy for their own collection*—and soon after specimens are in the market for sale. Your committee would suggest to collectors, and all others interested in numismatics, the importance of discouraging the issue of these spurious pieces in every practicable way, especially by declining to have their medals or coins copied in any manner, or under any pretence. The following list, it is believed, contains all the spurious pieces which have been issued:

No. 1. Washington Half Dollar. *Obv.* Bust of Washington, with the inscription, "George Washington, President 1., 1792." *Rev.* a spread Eagle, "United States of America." Struck in 1859 by William Idler, Philadelphia, in silver, copper, brass and tin. Size 22. On the obverse of this piece the word "*copy*" is stamped in very small raised letters, which are easily removed, and the piece rubbed and worn to resemble an old coin.

No. 2. Lord Baltimore Penny. *Obv.* Bust and inscription like original, but with this addition around the head—"W. Idler, dealer in coins, minerals, &c., Phila." This inscription being carefully erased from the piece, may possibly deceive some person. Issued by Wm. Idler, Phila., in silver, copper, brass and white metal. Size 13. 1859.

No. 3. Sommer Islands piece. *Obv.* a Hog, with eyes on his back. Inscription, "Sommer Islands." *Rev.* a Ship in full sail. Said to have been issued by Mr. Dickerson of Philadelphia. Struck in copper, brass and tin. Size 20. 1859.

No. 4. George Clinton piece—*Obv.* Head. "Non Vi Virtute Vict." *Rev.* Eagle standing on a shield with spread wings, as if about to fly—above, "E Pluribus Unum;" below, "Excelsior," very handsomely executed. Struck in silver and copper, by Alfred S. Robinson, Hartford, Ct., 1860. Size 17.

No. 5. Copy of the New York Gold Coin. *Obv.* Sun rising from behind mountains. "Excelsior—Nova Eboraca Columbia." *Rev.* Eagle upright, bunch of arrows in right talon, sprig in left—letters E. B. stamped on left wing. The Eagle surrounded with wreath, outside of which is the inscription, "Unum E Pluribus. 1787." Issued by Alfred S. Robinson, Hartford, Ct., 1860, in copper and brass. Size 19.

No. 6. Rosa Americana Penny. *Obv.* Head. "Georgius [illegible] Size 22.

No. 7. Elephant Piece. *Obv.* Elephant—*Rev.* "God Preserve New England, 1694." Issued by Alfred S. Robinson, Hartford, Ct., 1861, in silver, copper, brass and nickel. Size 18.

No. 8. Washington Piece. *Obv.* Military bust, head to left—"George Washington, President, 1789." *Rev.* Upright Eagle, shield on breast, arrows in right talons, sprig in left, scroll in beak with inscription, "Unum E Pluribus." Issued by Alfred S. Robinson, Hartford, Ct., 1862, in silver and copper. Size 20.

No. 9. Massachusetts Pine Tree Money—shilling, sixpence, three-pence, two-pence and penny—the "N. E." Shilling. *Rev.* "XII"—and the Good Samaritan Shilling. Thomas Wyatt of New York made dies of all the above pieces—copying them from the engravings in "Felt's Mass. Currency," and issued a few sets of them. They are, however, easily detected, as being more round and even in shape, and better struck than the genuine. Still many persons of little experience in such matters would perhaps as readily take the one as the other.

No. 10. U. S. Bar Cent. *Obv.*, "U. S. A.," the S much larger than the other letters and extending, in part, over them. They can be detected by observing that the S passes over, instead of under the A. *Rev.*, thirteen bars extending across the coin. The die was cut by Bolen, of Springfield, Mass., 1862. In copper, size, 16.

Adjourned to Thursday, July 3.

J. Colburn. Sec. pro. tem.

July 3, 1862. The meeting was called to order by the President at 4 p.m.

The Secy pro-tem read the proceedings of the last meeting & also an interesting letter from the Secretary of the Society dated London, June 12, 1862.

Several donations were received - among them a pattern piece in Silver - a design for a gold dollar; from Revd J. M. Finotti - also a Roman Coin of Antoninus Pius, in Second brass, from C. J. Underwood. Esq.

Hubbard W. Bryant, Esq. of Portland Me, a former resident member, was elected a Corresponding member of the Society.

Adjourned to the 7th of August next.

J. Colburn
Secy pro. tem.

Addenda. *Hubbard W. Bryant, Esq. resigned his membership - having removed to Portland, Maine, which resignation was accepted.

August 7, 1862. The meeting was called to order by the President at 4 p.m.

Mr Wiggin showed a Medal struck in honor of Dr Kane, in Silver - and Mr Pratt various Medals and Coins. Mr Fowle exhibited a Series of the "Shin Plasters" of 1815 - a paper currency from 1 cent up to 50 cents also various Specimens of Colonial Paper Money.

Attention was called to the account of the "bogus coins" reported upon at the June meeting - a full report of which was published in the "Historical Magazine" - the "Essex Historical Collections" and the "Boston Evening Transcript" - a desire was expressed that a further description should be given of all such pieces which have been issued since that publication.

Adjourned to the 4th of Sept.

J. Colburn
Secy pro. tem.

Sept. 4. 1862. In the absence of the President Judge Putnam was chosen President pro tem the Vice President being the Secretary pro tem during the absence of Mr Appleton.

After the transaction of the usual business of the Society - several gold and Silver coins were exhibited - among them was two fine guinea pieces of William & Mary and several Eagles & half eagles of the early U.S. issue in very fine condition - belonging to Mr Pratt.

Mr Colburn exhibited a genuine Jewish Shekel - bearing the name and denomination in Samaritan characters 𐤉𐤓𐤀𐤋 𐤔𐤊𐤋 i.e. "Shekel of Israel"; rev: 𐤉𐤓𐤔𐤋𐤌 𐤄𐤒𐤃𐤔 i.e. "Jerusalem the Holy". also a Silver dirhem (drachm) of Haroun Abraschid - the inscription on one side reads - thus - in the center "There is no God but one God, to whom there is no fellow" (this was a blow at their neighbors, the Greek Catholics) - around this, "In the name of God, this dirhem was coined in the city of Peace [Bagdad] in the year 188" i.e. 803 A.D. On the reverse, in the center "Mahomed is the messenger of God" around this "Mahomed is the messenger of God, whom he sent as the director of the true religion, that he might elevate

it above all religions, however much the Associators [Trinitarians] should be displeased thereby."

Adjourned to Oct: 2.

J. Colburn.
Sec. pro tem.

Oct. 2, 1862. The meeting of the Society took place this afternoon; in the absence of the President - George W. Pratt, Esq. was chosen President pro-tem.

By the kind attention of W. C. DuBois, Esq., an Honorary member, the Curator was enabled to procure Specimens of the two pattern half dollars of the present year & also two Specimens, in copper, of the pattern Eagle for 1862. Mr Ellis exhibited one of the Rarest of American coins - "Non Vi Virtute Vici" rev. Neo Eboracensis, 1786" also a Washington Medal - "He is in Glory the World in tears" the latter in Silver. An interesting letter was read from the Secretary, W. Sumner Appleton, Esq., dated at Manchester, Eng., Sept. 12, 1862. Adjourned to the 16th Nov. next

J. Colburn. Sec. pro-tem.

Nov. 6. 1862. The meeting was called to order by the President at 4 P. M.

Several Medals of an interesting character were exhibited - among them were a large number of Masonic Medals, of very fine workmanship & in various metals from the collection of the President.

36 Mr Ellis presented for examination two curious coins in lead, of Yucatan, bearing the following inscription - Ob: "Merida de Yucatan Part Blab Lied". Rev: ½ Grano de Yucat 1860". Size 18. the smaller of the two was of an oblong shape - size 12 & bore similar inscriptions. The President presented to the Society an elegant volume containing several hundred figures of Medals finely engraved - entitled "Medaliën che Historie Der Republyk van Holland. By Pietre Mortier. M.D.C.XC.

Adjourned to 4 th of Dec:

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Secy pro-tem.

December fourth. The Society met at 4 P. M. Mr. Colburn V.P. in the chair. The Secretary having returned from England, resumed his duties. He read a letter from Mr. J. G. Akerman of England accepting the honorary membership conferred on him last spring, and presented a "descriptive catalogue" of the collection of coins exhibited in the International Exhibition of this year. Mr. Colburn exhibited an interesting & beautiful silver medal belonging to Ch. Sprague Esq of this city, accompanied by a description from the pen of 35 Mr. W. Sargent. The medal is of size 36, & bears on the obverse the Virgin Mary, holding the child Jesus, & pointing to the shield of the arms of a bishopric. The whole surrounded by sixteen shields; int. "Capitulum Hildesien;" - Rev. Bishop's throne & cathedral also surrounded by sixteen shields; int. Sedes Vacans, 1761. It was struck after the death of Cf. Augustus, Bishop of Hildesheim. The 32 shields contain the arms of the canons of the chapter. The initial I on the obverse denotes the artist John Thieband of Augsburg. The Cathedral was dedicated to the Virgin Mary. The Secretary exhibited a few selections from the coins he obtained in England, including two bronze medals commemorating the Exhibition of this year. Among the others were the beautiful twenty franc piece

in gold, struck for Northern Italy or "Cisalpina," & bearing on the obverse a fine classical head with the inscription "L'Italie délivrée à Marengo," a specimen of the curious Rhode Island medal, mentioned in the proceedings of July 1861, and a wonderfully fine "Nova Eborac" cent. The last was much admired. It was stated that three gentlemen elected members of the Society had never acknowledged such election, & the Sec. was directed to inquire their intentions. Mr. Pratt was appointed auditor of the Treasurer's report of this year. The meeting adjourned at 5¼ P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

1863 January eighth. The annual meeting was held on this day at 4 P.M. Mr. Colburn the President in the chair. The Secretary read his report and letters from Messrs. D. S. Fisher & Gould, declining membership. It was stated that Mr. Spinney desires to accept. He also read letters from Mr. R. J. Boucher of Montreal, concerning the formation of a Numismatic Society in that city, and an extract from a Montreal newspaper (see next page) announcing the existence of one on a plan very similar to our own. The Treasurer presented his annual report, from which it appeared that there were eleven dollars in the

Treasury, and that many desirable American coins had been purchased for the cabinet of the Society. The annual report of the Curator also was read, which stated the collection to amount to about 1000 coins & medals. Messrs. Pratt, Slafter & Jennison were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the present year. They reported the former gentlemen for re-election, and their report was adopted, and the same officers elected for another year. Mr. Davenport exhibited some American silver and copper pieces, which he had lately received from England at a very low cost; a fine ½ dime of 1798 was the most valuable in the lot, which contained also some good dimes. The Secretary exhibited some pieces, two of which were examined with interest. One is a rare pattern for "5 Décimes" of the French Republic. It is a large coin of bell-metal, and represents the Goddess of Reason nourishing the French nation; inscr. "Régénération Française. 10 Aout. 1793." The other is a silver medal of size 38, struck in 1826 for the N.E. Society for Promotion of Manufactures and Mechanic Arts. On the obverse is a beautiful head

Braseurs messieurs de Montréal, qui
ouvelle goût des antiquités, viennent de fon-
der une Société Numismatique dont le but
est d'encourager l'étude de l'histoire sur les
monnaies, médailles, etc. La nouvelle as-
sociation a tenu sa première séance le 9
courant, et les messieurs suivants ont été
élus officiers pour 1863 : A. J. Boucher, Pré-
sident ; Stanley C. Bagg, Vice-président et
Curateur ; L. A. Hil Latour, Trésorier ; J.
A. Mauseau, Secrétaire.
Nous prie d'inviter ceux qui s'intéres-
sent à l'étude de la science numismatique,
à faire partie de cette société à laquelle
nous souhaitons tout le succès digne de son
noble but. La souscription est de cinq
chelins.
Avec le produit des souscriptions, et un
très-grand nombre de pièces fournies par
les premiers membres de cette association
naissante, on se propose de former un cabi-
net de médailles et de pièces de monnaie.
Plus tard, on espère monter une biblio-
thèque.

of Archimedes. The reverse represents some of the triumphs of Genius. Inc. "Genius, Intelligence and Industry triumph. Archimedes, Galileo, Newton, Franklin, Watt, Fulton." On each side is the name of the artist C. Gobrecht. The Society adjourned shortly after 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

January fifteenth. A special meeting was held at the usual hour, the President in the chair. Mr. Colburn proposed Mr. Geo. F. Seavey of Cambridgeport as a Resident Member & Mr. Edmund B. Wynne of Watertown, Jefferson Co., N.Y. as a Corresponding Member. Art. II of the By-Laws was suspended, and the gentlemen were elected to membership. Mr. Davenport presented a ½ dime of 1795, and Mr. Colburn announced a donation of a few coins from Franklin Hunt Esq. of this city. The meeting broke up just before 5 P.M.

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Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

February fifth. The Society met on this day at 4 P.M., with the Vice-President in the chair. Donations were received from Mr. James Parker of Springfield & Rev. Dr. Jenks of this city. The President also sent a donation of fifty coins of various countries, and the Secretary gave a coin catalogue. Mr. Davenport

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exhibited a gold siccа mohur of Hindostan and read a short account of it. The Secretary exhibited some Papal medals of precious metals, and an interesting medal in bell-metal of the French Republic 1792. The head of Liberty may have been the original, from which our earliest cents were copied. The meeting adjourned just before 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

March fifth. The regular meeting was held at 4 P.M., the President in the chair. The Secretary read his report, and announced donations of the Annual Report of the Mint, from the Director, and of two pamphlets from A.J. Boucher Esq. Pres. of the Num. Soc. of Montreal. Messrs. Brooks, Colburn and Davenport, all made donations of coins, in the last of which is a specimen of the rare Church-penny, mentioned on p. 66 of Wordsworth's "Reminiscences of Troy," pub. by Munsell. Mr. Patt exhibited some fine and rare gold coins, among which were a five-guinea piece of Geo. II, a very beautiful piece of Gust. Adolphus of Sweden and his queen, 1632, and one of Leopold I of Germany 1672; also a complete proof set of the English coinage of 1853. Mr. Leavey treated the Society to the most valuable as well as most interesting exhibition, with which it has been favored. This

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was a collection of the various series of gold issued from the U.S. Mint, complete with the exception of the eagles of 1829 and 1831. Several of the coins in it are of the very greatest rarity, some perhaps unique. Specimens of some of the unauthorized issues were also exhibited, and a proof of the California twenty-dollar. Dr. Foule exhibited a number of interesting coins and medals. The Secretary read a short paper, which it was voted to incorporate in the report of the proceedings at the meeting, and which is here appended. The Society, after a most agreeable meeting, adjourned at about 5½ P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

On the catalogue of coins sold in Philadelphia in 1865, and belonging to Mr. A. C. Kline, was a piece described as follows: "New Jersey Penny. Copper, obv. horse's head, XLII; rev. Kart Hago, Indian standing; very fine and exceedingly rare." It was resold in New York last January, with the additional statement, that it was valued by its former owner at $100. At this second sale it came into the possession of a gentleman, a member, I believe, of this society, at the price of $29. On this occasion I saw the piece in New York, and immediately perceived that it had nothing whatever to do with New Jersey, but was in design, though not in execution, an imitation of the ancient Carthaginian coins, and was, I supposed, struck in the early part of the last century. The inscription of course should be read Karthago. Since my return, in looking over one of my numismatic works, I met with an engraving and a short description of the very piece. My opinion of its character was confirmed, though it is of earlier date than I supposed, as the volume describing it was published in 1633. It is the "Introductio ad Historiam Numismatum," by Charles Patin. The following is a translation of the passage: 'Queen Dido is said to have coined the first money for the Carthaginians. Although we have no coins of her time, yet some exist, which were in common use among merchants, from which we have selected one as a specimen, rare and worthy of particular notice, of which we have given an explanation elsewhere, and a reference is given to another book by Patin, which I do not possess, and which I am unable to consult.

April second. The Society met shortly after 4 P.M., the Vice Pres. Mr. Colburn taking the chair. The records of the last meeting were read, and Mr. E. C. Hammer of this city was duly elected a Resident

Member. The Secretary announced a donation from Mr. Snowden Ex-Director of the Mint, of the Washington Cabinet medal in bronze. The medal started from Phil. in July 1860, but only just reached its destination. Mr. Pratt exhibited a few pieces of U.S. gold, among which was an eagle of 1797, with the reverse of 1795, which is a coin of the most extreme rarity. Mr. Seavey showed some rare American pieces, also the "Kart Hago," described in the report of the last meeting. Fine specimens of cents of 1793, of Massachusetts cents & half-cents, and of several varieties of the Immunis Columbia attracted great attention. Mr. Putnam exhibited one of the five or six Geo. Clinton pieces; this one was lately sold in New York for $77.50. Dr. Foule exhibited some ancient coins, and the Secretary a "Libertas Natus" cent of New York, reverse an eagle, a curious and rare inaugural medal of President Harrison, and a silver coin of the Bishopric of Bremen, with the very early date of 1499. The meeting broke up at 5¼.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

May seventh. The regular meeting was held at the usual hour. The Vice President filling the chair. The records of the previous meeting were read, and Mr. James S. Wheeler of Boston was duly elected a Resident Member. The Secretary presented a catalogue of a late auction sale, and announced a donation of a number of pamphlets, proceedings of various Canadian societies, from Major L. R. A. Latour of Montreal, C.E. Mr. Leavey exhibited several rare & interesting American pieces; among them were Washington cents of 1791 and 1792, including some uncommon varieties, and a remarkably fine half-dollar of 1792; also several curious pattern pieces of the U. S. Mint. Dr. Fowle exhibited some handsome bronze medals and some fine cents of dates between 1820 & 1830. The Secretary showed a dozen of the various coppers now current, as cents in New York, and a medal with the head of Washington, probably a caricature, and the inscription "Washington the Great D.G." It is a duplicate of one in the collection at the Mint, Philadelphia. The Society adjourned at about 5½ P.M.

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June fourth. The Society met at 7 P.M. the Vice-President occupying the chair. Mr. Leavey presented some cents & other coins, Mr. Colburn some catalogues, and Mr. Davenport some coins on behalf of Mr. Geo. Merrill. From the Numismatic Society of New Haven was also received a medal lately issued by that society. The Secretary announced a donation of valuable coins, principally Eastern, from Rev. Wm. Clark, a corresponding member. The coins were examined with interest, and a special vote of thanks was passed. Dr. Fowle stated the name of the gentleman he desired to have elected as Wm. H. Wheeler, not J. S., but the Society did not consider a new election necessary. Mr. Putnam exhibited some fine Rosa Americana, and a most remarkably beautiful set of Lord Baltimore silver, which was extremely admired. The Secretary showed several fine and rare pieces, among which were several

substance, "the coin is a threepence of the first Massachusetts issue or New England type, and but one other is known. At no suspicion can attach to this one, it gives evidence to the fact of such coinage, and removes from the other the slight doubt, which has existed, as it nearly always does in respect of unique coins."

In May, 1652, the General Court at Boston, ordered the establishment of a mint, for the coinage of "twelve pence, six pence, and three pence pieces, which shall be for forme flatt, and square on the sides, and stamped on the one side with N. E. and on the other side with XIId., VId., and IIId., according to the value of each piece." &c. This order only remained in force six months, and the shillings are now worth twenty-five dollars, and genuine sixpences perhaps about fifty. The only threepence known to the Numismatic world, a few weeks ago, is in the collection belonging to Yale College. Thomas Snelling, in his account of the coins of the English colonies, published 1769, says, "The first pieces coined at this time, (1652,) or rather stamped, were sixpences and shillings, having on one side N. E., and on the other VI, and XII, for their respective values. We are also told there was another sort struck, with III, for threepence, but we have never yet met with it in any cabinet, and even the other two are very scarce." Ruding, the great authority on English coinage, makes a similar statement; he quotes from Hutchinson's History the passages relating to this money, and adds, "The threepence spoken of above has never been discovered." Compared with the modesty of those writers, the words of the great American numismatist strike me rather unpleasantly—"Shillings and sixpences were only coined at this time. * * * It has been stated that threepenny pieces were also coined, but as we have never seen them, nor heard of them, otherwise, we may with propriety be permitted to question the truth of any such statement"; as if Mr. Dickeson could suppose that specimens existed of every coinage that has ever taken place. The only reason for suspecting the threepence at Yale College was the same as gave it its greatest value, viz., that it was unique. But as this of mine comes from a collection formed thirty years ago, and hardly examined since, the author—and may he soon appear—of a new work on American Numismatics will, I trust, "with propriety be permitted" to say that two specimens exist of this very rare coin.

perfect cents of early dates, including 1798, the famous Pine-tree copper, and the medal struck on the sailing of the Columbia and Washington for the Pacific Ocean in 1787. He also exhibited an N.E. threepence, in connection with which he read the article inserted on the previous page. The Society adjourned at about 5½.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

July second. The monthly meeting was held at 18 Bromfield St. at 4 P.M., Vice President Mr. Colburn occupying the chair. The Secretary read his report, and a letter from Mr. Champion, the Sec'y of the New Haven Num. Soc., about the medal received a month ago, also a letter from Rev. J. H. Fiotti. He also announced donations of a pamphlet viz. "Observations on the Design & Import of Medals," from Henry A. Homes, of the N.Y. State Library, and from Major L. W. Latour of Montreal. Mr. Davenport exhibited some American coins just received from England, among which were fine dimes of early dates. The Secretary exhibited some foreign coins, including those of Ferdinand and Isabella in gold, silver & copper. The Society voted to omit the two next monthly meetings, and at about 5 adjourned till October.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

October first. The regular meeting of the Society was held at 4 P.M., Mr. Colburn V.P. acting as chairman. The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting, and announced a donation from A. Champion Esq. of New Haven, of the printed catalogue of the collection of coins belonging to Yale College. The chairman announced a donation of coins & medals from Henry Phillips jr. of Philadelphia. Mr. Davenport exhibited two coins, which were very much admired; one was a remarkably fine threepence of the Annapolis series, and the other a good specimen of the extremely rare Baltimore-town money of Brudish Barry. The meeting adjourned shortly before 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

November fifth. The Society met at 4 P.M., Mr. Colburn V.P. taking the chair in the absence of the President. The Secretary read his report & presented a pamphlet in behalf of Major Latour of Montreal. Henry Phillips jr. of Philadelphia was elected a corresponding member of the Society. The Secretary exhibited several medals of considerable interest and value. Among the American were a very fine specimen of the "Franc" medal of Washington, and a curious medal in tin of the Alumni of Dummer Academy. Among the foreign was a beautiful silver medal

of size 44, struck after the battle of Leipsic, having a representation of the battle on the obverse; also a medal struck at the peace of Westphalia in 1648, and a third commemorated the centennial anniversary of the settlement of Herrnhut in Saxony. The meeting adjourned at ¼ before 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

December third. The meeting of the Society was held at the rooms of the Hist. Gen. Soc. at 4 P.M.

46 Judge Putnam exhibited a splendid specimen of the Annapolis threepence, which he had lately obtained; it was thought to be the finest specimen known. Mr. Hammer presented a catalogue of coins, "Museum Münterianum, Part II, Copenhagen 1837." After an interesting conversation of an hour the meeting adjourned.

J. Colburn, Sec. pro tem.

1864 January seventh. The annual meeting was held this day at about ¼ to 4 P.M. The report of the last meeting was read by the Secretary, who also

47 presented a catalogue of a coin sale on Dec. 28-9. Donations of coins were received from Messrs. Bryant & Phillips, corresponding members. The Treasurer presented his annual report, which showed the Society to be out of debt, and to have a balance of twenty-

seven dollars in his hands. The report having been duly audited by Mr. Platt, was accepted, and on motion of the Treasurer, the Curator was authorized to ~~state~~ purchase coins to the amount of twenty-seven dollars, when an advantageous opportunity occurs. The Curator stated that the cabinet of the Society now contains about a thousand coins and medals, among which are some rare pieces. Messrs. Platt & Slafter being appointed a committee to offer a list of officers for the present year, immediately reported the former board for re-election, & their report was accepted and adopted. Mr. Seavey exhibited a small parcel of very choice and valuable American coins; among them were a dollar of 1794, the finest known, - a half-dime of 1802, thought to be the best of the very few known to exist, and a New York, Gov. Clinton, copper, which is by far the finest of the half-dozen known to collectors. The other pieces comprised some rare varieties of New York cents, very perfect dimes of 1796 to, ~~and~~ the pattern sets of 1862 & 63, with the motto "God our trust," and rare pattern half dollars of 1838 & 39. The President, Secretary & Mr. Putnam also exhibited coins or medals. The Society adjourned at about 4½ P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

February fourth. The Society met at the usual hour, Mr. Colburn V.P. taking the chair. The Secretary read his report, & presented a catalogue of a gen. sale, also on behalf of the Director of the Mint his last annual report. Mr. E.A. Crowninshield of Boston was duly elected a Resident Member. Mr. Seavey exhibited a "Dime" of 1792 in silver, thought to be the only one known in that metal, & of which but very few exist in copper; it was much admired. Dr. Fowle exhibited a double-thaler of the city of Frankfort, with a beautiful female head, said to be a portrait. The Secretary showed several foreign silver medals, among which were a fine piece of Christina of Sweden, 1652, a large & curious medal of Martin Luther & a funeral medal of Frederic the Great in imitation of the antique, also two varieties of the Admiral Vernon coppers. The Society adjourned at about 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

E A Crowninshield

March third. The monthly meeting was held this day, & was called to order by the Vice-President shortly after 4. Mr. Putnam on behalf of the Director of the Mint presented some most interesting & valuable patterns of 1863. One is a cent in bronze, & two others are two-cent pieces with the motto "God & our Country"; on one side is the

head of Geo. Washington. Mr. Putnam also offered some resolutions of thanks and compliment to the Director, which were adopted, and a copy was ordered to be sent to the Director. Mr. Pratt exhibited a fine specimen of a variety of Adm. Vernon copper, & Mr. Seavey a proof cent of gold of the present year. The Secretary showed some foreign medals, one of which bears the statue erected at Strasbourg in 1840 in honor of General Kleber. The Society adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

April fourteenth. The regular meeting was held at the usual hour. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, and two letters concerning and announcing the formation of a Numismatic Society at Providence, R.I.; also a letter from John A. Neysen, Cor. Sec. presenting a copy of the Constitution of the N.Y. Num. Society, lately founded in that city. He also presented a catalogue of coins exhibited at the New York Sanitary Fair, and on behalf of an anonymous friend a copy of the Drum-Beat published for the Brooklyn Sanitary Fair, containing a short article on coins. Mr. Putnam exhibited a remarkably fine specimen of the

New York Washington cent. Mr. Colburn showed some ancient coins belonging to Mr. Hammer. Various other coins were exhibited, and the Society adjourned at about 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

May fifth. The monthly meeting was held this p.m. Mr. Colburn in the chair. Mr. Seavey exhibited
5 a fine collection of mint-pattern-pieces, the rarest of which was a three-cent piece in copper, bearing date 1863, of the same type and size as the old copper cent, on the obverse; the reverse bore the inscription United States of America, surrounding a wreath, within which was 3 cents. Among the others were the set of pattern half-dollars, "God our trust" in silver, bronze & copper of 1862 & 63, also the two-cent piece with the same motto, 1863, & the cent in bronze. Mr. Colburn presented several coin-catalogues. Adjourned at 5 P.M.

June second. The Society met this day at the usual hour. The Secretary read the report of the
5v last meeting, and a letter from Mr. W. S. Dubois of the U.S. Mint, enclosing a copy of the new coinage act, and specimens of the new issue of cents. Mr. Putnam exhibited a very choice parcel of coins, American and colonial, including specimens,

many uncirculated of the Clinton & Washington coppers of New York, the "Elephant" of Carolina, dog-type of New Jersey, Immunis and Immune Columbia, and several pieces of the Rosa Americana series; he also showed some beautiful silver English pattern-pieces of Wm. & Mary, William III, Charles II & James II. The Secretary exhibited several curious and valuable coins and medals, as a copper piece of Virginia, 1780, hitherto undescribed, the Eccleston medal of Washington in tin, and the Washington of Series Numismatica in silver, both nearly unknown in these metals, a silver medal of the capture of Louisburg, 1758, the medal of the Boston ships Columbia & Washington in silver, two fine Dutch medals of 1782 in honor of the Independence of the United States, a quarter-dollar of 1827 & a half-dime of 1802; also a fine specimen of the silver pound-piece of Charles I, 1643. Messrs. Davenport and Poole also showed medals of interest. Considerable discussion took place on rare pieces, lucky purchases of coins, and their extraordinary rise in value, and soon after 5 the Society adjourned.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

July seventh. The regular meeting was held this day at 4 P.M., Mr. Colburn V.P. in the chair. The Secretary read his report, and a letter from Mr. W.E. Dubois enclosing specimens of the new two-cent pieces. He also presented an auction-catalogue of coins, and on behalf of B. Westerman of New York a catalogue of numismatic books. Prof. J.H. Alexander of Baltimore was duly elected an Honorary Member, and Robert Hewitt jr. of New York a Corresponding Member. Mr. Fowle exhibited several of the English silver war-medals; Mr. Pratt showed some of the same series, and several beautiful foreign gold coins, including proofs of the double sovereign, sovereign and half sovereign of George IV. Mr. Davenport exhibited some American presidential medals and other pieces. The Secretary showed a number of silver medals, mostly French. The most remarkable is of Henry II size 38 with the King at full length on the reverse; one of Henry IV celebrates the victory of Ivry, and one of Louis XIII has the bust of Maria de Medici. There were several also of Louis XIV & XVI. The Society passed the usual vote omitting two meetings, and adjourned at about 5.

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J.H. Alexander

Robert Hewitt

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October fifth. The Society met this day at 4 P.M. The Secretary read his report, and a letter accepting membership from Prof. Alexander. He presented an English catalogue of numismatic books, & Dr. Fowle presented a parcel of New York coppers of 1863. Mr. Davenport read a letter from W.E. Lamb resigning membership, and two letters from J.J. Mickley of Phil. one of which enclosed a rubbing of a medal he had lately obtained, obv. a head of Washington, rev. the variety of the Confederatio, 1785. Its genuineness was discussed, but the members were unable to form any certain conclusion. Mr. Seavey exhibited a few American coins, including some perfect cents & a half-dime of 1805. Dr. Fowle showed some antique cameos and a few coins belonging to Mr. Kennard of this city; there were some nice specimens of late Roman gold. The Secretary exhibited a number of silver medals, among which were seventeen of the Emperor Napoleon. The meeting adjourned at 5¼.

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He also showed the bronze prize-medal of the International Exhibition of 1862.

November third. The monthly meeting was held
this day at a little after 4 P.M., the Vice President
taking the chair. The report of the previous
meeting was read and accepted. On a statement
55 from the Treasurer that Mr. W. E. Lamb's indebt-
edness to the Society was fully discharged, his
resignation was accepted, and a vote was
passed, expressing the regret of the Society at
his withdrawal, and desiring a copy of his letter
on the Syrian coinage for the records of the
Society. The Secretary was ordered to com-
municate this vote to Mr. Lamb. Mr. Foote
exhibited a bronze medal struck on occasion
of the Sanitary Fair in Philadelphia, and a
very good New York Washington cent of 1785.
Mr. Heavey showed several rare pieces, among
which were pattern "dimes" & cents of 1792, &
quarters of 1858 & 59. The Secretary exhibited a
lot of rare medals, including six struck in Holland
in 1782, all relating to America, the Washington
funeral-medal by Pierce, a very fine Rhode
Island medal, and one in tin of John Q. Adams,
"Science gives Peace and America Plenty." The
Society adjourned soon after 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

December first. The regular meeting of the Society
was held this day, shortly after 4 P.M. The
Secretary read his report and part of a letter
from Mr. W. E. Lamb in Washington, and presented
a catalogue of a coin sale. Mr. Finotti presented
a silver coin of Julius Cæsar, and Mr. Putnam
some pieces of eb-money. The President appointed
Messrs. Pratt & Brownmishield a committee to report
56 a list of officers at the annual meeting, stating
at the same time his desire to retire from his
present position. Mr. Pratt was chosen Auditor
of the annual report of the Treasurer's accounts.
Mr. Putnam exhibited a number of coins, which
were examined with interest and admiration.
Among them were twelve ~~rare~~ beautiful pieces of the an-
cient Syrian kings; the rest were of this country,
comprising fine New York colonials ~~coins~~ or rather
State coins, proof silver of several years, and
fine early dimes and half-dimes; also the best
known quarter of 1823, in beautiful condition.
Mr Brownmishield exhibited a small head of
Washington in Berlin iron, concerning which he
was desirous to obtain information, and promised
to furnish all in his possession at the next
meeting. The Society adjourned at 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

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January fifth, 1865 — The annual meeting of the Society was held this day at 3½ P.M. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, and presented a catalogue of a coin sale. The Curator announced a donation of pamphlets from Henry Phillips jr. of Philadelphia; Mr. Putnam presented a pewter colonial piece of James II, and on behalf of James Parker of Springfield medals of Washington, Gen. Grant &c. Messrs. Charles Bunker of Roxbury and Benj. F. Nourse of Cambridge were elected Resident Members, and Messrs. Wm. C. Lamb of Washington and F. S. Perkins of Burlington, Wis. were elected Corresponding Members. The Treasurer read a letter of resignation from H. M. Brooks of Salem, and on his statement that all debts to the Society were discharged it was voted to accept the resignation. The Curator made his report, stating that but few pieces had been added to the cabinet, but the most valuable have been placed under lock and key. The Treasurer reported that the Society is free from debt, and had a balance of sixty-eight dollars in his hands. Mr. Pratt from the committee to offer a list of officers for the present year, reported as follows, for Pres. S. Colburn, for V. P. & Curator S. P. Putnam, for Treas. N. Davenport, for Sec. Wm. S. Appleton. The report was accepted and adopted. On motion of Mr. Davenport a vote

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of thanks to Dr. Lewis, for his interest in the Society, his kindness toward it, and the very acceptable manner in which he had presided over it, was unanimously passed. Mr. Putnam exhibited a new medal of Washington of large size. Mr. Seavey showed a few very choice pieces, as the Virginia shilling of 1774, and the copper in beautiful condition, and pattern half-dollar and quarter of 1858. The Secretary exhibited some rare medals, among which were the "naked bust" Washington, and a small oval funeral medal of the same, with an original medal of the battle of Germantown; also a very beautiful medal of Mary Queen of Scots and one of Charles II.

Dr. Lewis, on resigning the Presidency, read an address, in which he briefly sketched the history of the Society, of the science in this country, and of coinage in general. He spoke of the many uses of the science in chronology and every branch of history, particularly religion and art, and concluded with some suggestions as to the study. Messrs. Davenport and Appleton were appointed a committee to report on the expediency of printing the Constitution and list of members, with the address of the President and other matters. Mr. Davenport declined, and Mr. Ellis was substituted. The Society adjourned at about quarter before 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

February second. The Society met this day at 4 P.M. The Secretary read his report and letters accepting membership from Messrs. Lamb, Perkins & Bunker. Mr. James Parker of Springfield was duly elected a Resident Member. The President communicated a letter on numismatics from Mr. W.E. Dubois of Philadelphia, and a note from Baron White, enclosing a copy of a medal of Col. Kirke. Mr. Ellis from the committee on printing made a report, which was discussed at some length, but no action was taken on it. Dr. Lewis exhibited a large medal in white metal, struck on the dedication of the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia, it was much admired. Dr. Lewis and the Secretary each exhibited photographs of the Dutch peace medal of 1648, dug up in Wisconsin, together with a long account of it. The meeting adjourned at 5.

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J.S. Parker

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March 2. The monthly meeting was held this day at 4 P.M. The report of the last meeting was read, and Prof. J.D. Butler of Madison, Wisconsin was duly elected an Honorary Member. Mr. Pratt presented an application on behalf of S.R. Spinney for discharge from membership, which was accepted. Mr. Davenport gave an interesting account of the proceedings at the Annual Assay of the

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U.S. Mint, in which he had lately assisted; He also presented a catalogue of the sale of Dr. Gray's coins in 1857. Mr. Pratt exhibited a Washington funeral medal in gold, and two varieties in silver. The President presented a pattern cent, struck in a new combination of metals. Mr. Putnam showed the same medal in gold, an uncirculated copper impression from the half dime of 1800, and an impression of the reverse of a half-dollar, perhaps of 1796. The Secretary exhibited three pieces, a fine specimen of the largest pattern cent of 1792 by Birch, without inscription on the edge; a curious medal in pewter on the peace Sept 4, 1783, "Felicitas: Britannia: et: America," with figures of Britain and an Indian Princess; reverse, like the Continental Currency; also a piece with the arms of Philadelphia, 50 cents. No exact duplicate of either is known. The meeting adjourned at 5¼.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

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April sixth. The regular meeting was held this day at the usual hour. The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting, and an acceptance of membership from Prof. Butler of Wisconsin. Hon. James Pollock, Director of the U.S. Mint was elected an Honorary Member. Donations of coins were announced from Capt. Arthur Clark, Dr.

S. A. Green and James Parker, a member. Mr. Parker also exhibited a medal of the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco. Mr. Putnam showed a fine series of fourteen New Jersey cents, mostly in beautiful condition. Mr. Seavey exhibited the proof set in all metals of 1865, and patterns for two-cent & three-cent pieces of 1864 & 65; also the very rare New York doubloon (so called) of 1787, which was viewed with respect and admiration. The Secretary showed several medals, including a rare one of "G. Washington C. C. A. U. S." in silver, of which but few are known; also an uncirculated impression of the "communi consensu" "Libertas Americana" 1783, and the medal of Gregory XIII, celebrating the Massacre of St. Bartholomew. Mr. Seavey invited the members of the Society to visit his collection, and it was accepted for the afternoon of Monday Apr. 10. The meeting adjourned at about 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

May fourth. The Society met this day at a few minutes after 4. The Secretary read his report, & a letter from Nicholas Delany of Washington, desiring to sell some coins. The President communicated a letter from W. E. Dubois of Philadelphia, and a donation of various specimens of paper-money or "shin-plasters" from Henry Phillips jr. of the same city.

Mr. Towle exhibited a variety of specimens of the Confederate (so-called) currency and bonds; a few coins were also shown. Mr. Bunker read a short and useful paper on the "Found Scotch" and "Old Tenor" Paper-money; on motion of Mr. Davenport the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Bunker for his communication, and a copy was requested for the use of the Society. The meeting adjourned shortly before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

June eighth. The monthly meeting was held this day shortly after 4 P.M. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, and a letter (addressed to the Treasurer) from Hon. James Pollock, accepting honorary Membership in the Society. A letter was also communicated from D. Fitzgerald, Secretary of the R. I. Numismatic Association, accompanying a copy of their Constitution. Mr. Hammond's resignation of membership was received and accepted. The President presented some proof coins of this year. Mr. Pratt exhibited a set of Medici's National English Medals, a French medal of "Stonewall" Jackson, and a fine dime of 1805. Mr. Slafter also exhibited some medals. The Secretary showed some curious tin medals of Washington, one, an imitation of the Indian "Peace & Friendship"

medals, but made in 1843, another like the "Twigg" medal, but with the head reversed; also a large German silver marriage medal, with the miracle of Cana on the reverse. It was voted to proceed with the work of printing a pamphlet, of which each member should take five copies, and not be allowed more than ten — The meeting adjourned at about 5 —

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

63 July sixth. The regular meeting was held this afternoon at the usual hour. Mr. Pratt exhibited a number of interesting pieces. Among them were a suspected dollar of 1794 in fine condition, a medal of the Brooklyn Club, a gold medal of Napoleon and a beautiful bronze one of Sully; also a very curious and unknown coin or medal of barbarous work and bearing Celtic letters. Mr. Davenport exhibited a silver medal, similar to those presented by Gen. Butler to the negro soldiers of the Army of the James. The Secretary announced his approaching departure for Europe, in view of which Mr. Ellis was chosen to serve during his absence. The meeting then adjourned.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

October Fifth. The usual monthly meeting was
64 held this afternoon soon after four o'clock. After the reading of the report of the last meeting, the President, Mr. Colburn, read an interesting letter which he had received from the Secretary, Mr. Appleton, dated Cologne, Sept. 13, giving an account of some of his numismatic investigations in Europe. Two curious pattern pieces of the "Franklin Cent" were exhibited by the President; one in silver, with the usual obverse, had on the reverse thirteen plain rings interlinked, having in the centre of each a five pointed star, while within the circle was a star with a sunken circle in the centre of it; and one in copper, having on the obverse a sundial and the sun with rays around it, without date or legend, and on the reverse, thirteen rings interlinked, a name of one of the United States being inscribed in sunken letters on each ring and in the centre on a circle with rays diverging from it the words "American Congress."

Mr. Pratt exhibited some exceedingly beautiful English gold coins, finely preserved, a Noble of Henry VI., a Sovereign or Laurel of James I., a Broad piece of Cromwell, and a Guinea of Charles II., also two elegant gold medallets of Napoleon, one of the young

King of Rome, and one of Prince Eugene de Beauharnais; and also a bronze copy of the medal presented by Government to Gen. Grant, size sixty four (4 inches in diameter.) The obverse bears the bust of Gen. Grant, with the inscription "Major General Ulysses S. Grant. Joint Resolution of Congress, December 17, 1863." The reverse has an allegorical figure hovering over the City of Vicksburg and the hills of Chattanooga, a pile of arms, &c.; while the Mississippi River encircles the whole, bearing upon its waters four gunboats or rams.

Mr. Fowle exhibited a large collection of silver and bronze medals, too numerous to mention in detail, including many of the English Coronation Series; they were all remarkably handsome, and in splendid condition.

Rev. Mr. Finotti presented to the society a curious lead piece, probably a medal, found at Bay Point, one of the Islands of the Twelve Apostles, Lake Superior.

The meeting adjourned at about five P. M.

John H. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

Nov. 2. The meeting was called to order at quarter
65 past four. Mr. Pratt exhibited a new two dollar gold piece of Newfoundland; obverse, head of the Queen, with the legend "Victoria D: G: Reg:. Newfoundland," reverse, "2 Dollars 1865" and around it "Two hundred cents One hundred Pence."

Mr. Seavey exhibited the pattern cent of 1792, with the legend "Liberty Parent of Science & Industry 1792"; the four varieties of the dime of 1792, the half-dime of the same date in beautiful condition; various other pattern pieces; and the postal currency of 1863 in four different metals. A Garibaldi medal of the Italian campaign of 1859, which had belonged to one of his officers, was also exhibited. The meeting adjourned soon after five.

John H. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

66 December Fourteenth. The usual monthly meeting was opened this afternoon at quarter past four by the reading of the report of the last meeting by the Secretary. The President then read a letter from Mr. Appleton, dated Constantinople, 4th Nov., containing a description of some of the coins and medals he had purchased and some of the collections he

had visited. Three antique leaden seals of the Anglo-Saxon period or thereabouts were exhibited by the President. One of them appeared to have the date 907, and another 1530. Their workmanship was very rude and they bore the marks of being genuine. On motion Mr. Pratt was appointed to audit the treasurer's account previous to the next meeting. The Rev. Mr. Slafter and Mr. Pratt were appointed a committee for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. The meeting adjourned at five.

John H. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

1866 Jan. 4. The annual meeting was held this afternoon about the usual hour. Under a suspension of the by-laws, Mr. E. L. Mitchell of Boston was elected a resident member. Various medals, Roman coins, &c were exhibited by members. A beautiful bronze medal struck at Florence in honor of Dante at the recent celebration of the six hundredth anniversary of his birth, was presented to the Society by Dr. Lewis. The Treasurer's accounts which had been audited by Mr. Pratt, showed a balance of one hundred and twenty six dollars and

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ninety three cents ($126.93) in favor of the Society. Mr. Pratt, of the committee on the nomination of officers for the year 1866 reported as follows, for President, J. Colburn, for Vice-President and Curator, J. P. Putnam, for Treasurer, H. Davenport, and for Secretary William S. Appleton. The report was accepted and adopted, Mr. Ellis being elected to act as Secretary until Mr. Appleton's return from Europe.

The meeting adjourned shortly before five.

John H. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

68 February First. The meeting was called to order soon after four. Mr. Ellis exhibited three bronze coins of Constantine, found at "Cheops" in June, 1857. The president also exhibited a silver medal (no. 2733) of the Committee of Vigilance of San Francisco. After some conversation on the subject of numismatics, the meeting adjourned about five.

John H. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

March First. The regular meeting was held this afternoon at the usual hour. The President read a letter which he had received from Mr. Appleton dated Jerusalem, Dec. 21, 1865. Mr. Pratt exhibited a beautiful gold coin of the Emperor Nero, having on the obverse a head to the right with the legend "Nero Caesar Augustus," and on the reverse the figure of Apollo and the legend "Labos." Mr. Poole exhibited a large and very elegant collection of Greek and Roman silver and gold coins, two hundred and fifty eight in number. They were of various classes and sizes, from the earliest Greek autonomous coins to those of the Later Roman Empire, staters, tetradrachms, denarii, obolii, &c. Among them were five fine coins of Arsaces, coins of the Ptolemies, the Antiochi, Demetrius Soter, Lysimachus, Philip, and Alexander the Great. One denarius of Vespasian with the figure of Judaea Capta on the reverse & the legend "Judaea"; another coin with the lotus on it, & many others possessing a peculiar interest from their curious designs or delicate workmanship attracted much attention. They were all in as perfect a condition as possible, and many of them were

exceedingly rare and valuable. A detailed description of them would be entirely out of the limits of this report.

Dr. Green exhibited one of the Washington Medals, to commemorate the evacuation of Boston, - in silver. This medal Dr. Green had found by chance in a few pound broker's shop in London some years since, and it is more valuable from its having been struck from the original die.

Mr. Davenport, who had just returned from Philadelphia, where he had been acting as one of the Assay Committee at the Mint, exhibited a proof set of the silver and copper coins for this year. By the fifth section of the act of Congress of March 3, 1865, the director of the mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, was authorized to place upon all the gold and silver coins of the United States susceptible of such addition, thereafter to be issued, the motto "In God we trust." (Finance Report. 1865. p. 232.) This recognition of the nation's trust in God accordingly appears in this manner, for the first time, on these silver coins, though it had already been placed on the tissue piece of bronze alloy.

J. H. Taylor

Mr. Davenport proposed, as an honorary member, Mr. James H. Taylor of Charleston, South Carolina, who was once a well-known cotton-dealer and now is a member of the extensive house of Geo. W. Williams & Co., brokers and merchants. He is represented by Mr. Wm. E. Dubois of the Mint at Philadelphia, as in every way fitted by studies in this and kindred subjects ~~as fitted~~ for membership of this Society.

After much entertaining discussion on Numismatics, the meeting adjourned at half past five.

Wm H. Elliot,
Acting Secretary.

April Twelfth. The regular monthly meeting was held this afternoon at four.
70 The President read a letter from the Secretary, dated Naples, March 14, giving an account of some rare coins and medals he had procured and some collections of coins he had visited. The President presented three copies, two of the Confederatio cent and one of the rare Connecticut cent of 1737, and five medals. He proposed as a Corresponding member R. Alonzo

Brock Esq. of Richmond, Va., from whom a gift to the Society was received of a collection of Confederate Paper Money and Postage stamps. A copy in bronze of the medal struck by order of General Butler for presentation to the colored troops was received from Charles W. Leonard Esq. of this city; Obv. Two colored soldiers storming a fort, Legend, "Ferro Dis Libertas Perveniet;" in the exergue, "U. S. Colored Troops." Rev. Within a wreath of oak leaves "Campain before Richmond 1864;" and legend, "Distinguished for Courage."

Dr. Green exhibited three beautiful silver medals, one of the "Libertas Americana"; one of Columbus, with the legend on the reverse, "Genova Agli Scienziati Italiani 1846;" and one of the Emperor Nicholas of Russia 1826. Also a set of the pine-tree money and a cent of 1799 in perfect condition.

Dr. Lewis exhibited some elegant silver and bronze medals. Among them were two very rare of Cromwell in silver; a bronze one of Pius IX struck to commemorate the rebuilding of the Basilica of St. Paul outside the walls of Rome, Dec. 1854. It was of size 26, and had on the

reverse a most beautiful representation of the interior of that imposing edifice, the perspective being perfect. Another was a beautiful gilt medal of Thorvaldsen of the most delicate workmanship. One was a very curious old Venetian piece of oxidized copper, size 28; obv. a man's head with long flowing hair; rev. the lion's head of St. Mark and the legend stamped in "P. Lombardi Opus M.C.CCCXCIX."

Mr. Pratt exhibited a number of gold coins, principally Greek and English. Among them were a half noble of Richard II, a Scotch laurel of James I, a Scotch sword and sceptre piece, 1601, of James I (VI of Scotland), a two-guinea piece and half-guinea, 1734, of George II, a guinea, 1769, and half-guinea of George III; a proof sovereign and a sovereign and half-sovereign, 1821, of George IV, an ecu d'or of Francis I of France, and a Dutch ducat, 1745.

Mr James H. Taylor of Charleston, South Carolina, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member.

The proof set exhibited by Mr. Davenport at the last meeting was one that had

been purchased by him for the Cabinet of the Society. The meeting adjourned at half past five.

John H. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

May Third. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at quarter past four this afternoon. Some sets of United States postage currency were exhibited, the older kinds of which are now rare in a clean condition. Mr. Fowle thirty four very fine bronze medals, principally French and German; and an old silver piece of John George, Duke of Saxony, 1642. Mr. Rourke exhibited a small Venetian silver coin of an early date.

Instead of printing a separate pamphlet, as it was voted at a previous meeting, it was decided to send the papers which had been read before the Society to New York to be published in the new Numismatic Magazine which is to be issued there.

The meeting adjourned at quarter past five.

John H. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

June Seventh. The regular monthly meeting was held at quarter past four this afternoon. The President read a letter from the Secretary, Mr. Appleton, dated Paris, May 16th, describing some more coins he had purchased at Rome, Florence, and elsewhere. He speaks of visiting the Kircherian Museum at Rome, formed by an old Jesuit two hundred years ago, and which is thought to contain the most perfect series of the Roman As and its divisions, among them some of the enormous early ones with a bull or a bird on them. He had also visited an exhibition of mediæval curiosities then open at Florence, but by the owners, in which was a large collection of Italian coins of cities and princes.

Mr. Fowle exhibited a silver drachm of Corinth, silver coins of Vespasian and Trajan, a Roman Fabrilly coin, and a number of bronze pieces, both Greek and Roman.

[illegible] presented to the Society, on behalf of the inventor, Mr. Norbert Lanoly of San Francisco, Cal., a "coin album" designed for the safe exhibition of coins,

so that they may be neither soiled nor stolen by the curious. The coins are placed between two sheets of glass, enclosed in wooden frames revolving on an axle within a box and occupying but half a circle so that the box may be closed. The box may thus be opened and the separate layers of coins turned over successively and looked at, something like the views in a large stereoscope. The invention was carefully examined by the members, who considered it very well adapted for the safe exhibition of small private collections; and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Lanoly for his kindness in presenting it to the Society. Mr. Wiggin called the attention of the Society to some exceedingly curious gold & silver Roman Catholic medals, charms crosses, &c., recently brought from Mexico. Among them was a reliquary of "San Ignacio de Loyola" in the form of a book of heavy gold, with relics of St. Philip de Neri and St. Joseph.

A present of a Lincoln medal in white metal, having on the reverse his famous words, "With malice toward none, with charity for all", was received from the engraver, Mr. J.

A. Boles of Springfield, Mass. Mr. R. Alonzo Brock of Richmond, Virginia was unanimously elected a corresponding member.

A person in a neighboring State having lately offered for sale another counterfeit Pine Tree Shilling of 1650: the matter was referred to a committee to be acted upon at the next meeting. Adjourned at quarter of six.

John T. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

13 July Fifth. The regular monthly meeting was held this afternoon at the usual hour. Twenty one volumes of old German works on coins and medals, illustrated with many interesting plates, were received from Mr. John L. Curtis of New York. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Curtis, and he was unanimously elected a corresponding member. Dr. Green exhibited several varieties of the Massachusetts half-cent for 1787 & 1788; and Mr. Davenport a proof of the five-cent piece of the new issue. Much dissatisfaction was expressed at the poor de-

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sign of the latter. The President read the following sketch of

An Early Boston Numismatist.

In the correspondence of John Andrews of Boston with Mr. William Barrell of Philadelphia, just published by the Massachusetts Historical Society in their 45th volume of "Proceedings," under date of December 25th, 1772, Mr. Andrews says:

"Yesterday your Aunt Anna spent the "day with us, and I like her very much; "more especially as she has promised to "rummage up and make me a present "of an ancient roman coin (one of the "twelve Caesars) which will make me "possessed of five of that kind, besides "a variety of more modern ones, having "lately made an acquisition of one "of Claudius Caesar's and another of "Domitian's; and this day bought for "old silver a fine large medal of the "Emperor Constantine ye Great. I men-"tion this, that in case any of the kind "that are genuine should come within "your knowledge, you would, if possi-"ble, procure them for me".

(Proceedings, p. 322)

Mr. L. M. Sargent says:

"I remember John Andrews, his trim "drab and white-top boots and powdered "hair. He was small of stature. When I "knew him he occupied a beautiful es- "tate at the northerly corner of Winter "and Tremont (then Common) Streets "—an antique wooden house in the "midst of a delightful garden, extend- "ing down Winter Street, in rear of what "is now Hamilton Place. This house was "once occupied by Sir Francis Bernard, "probably till the year of his recall, "1769. My mother once pointed out to "me the chamber she occupied when "she made a visit to the Bernards. At "a later period, this estate was occupied "by Earl Percy." (Bo. 321.)

John Andrews was a selectman of Boston in 1785, and continued in that office until 1790, when he declined to serve longer. He was a hardware merchant and kept at No. 4 Union Street. His name appears in the first Boston Directory of 1789. He afterwards removed to Jamaica Plain and was the attached friend and neighbor of the late Rev. Thomas Gray, D. D.

Upon the decease of Mr. Henry Andrews of this city, about three years since, the son of John Andrews, the Collection formed by the father, after passing through the hands of an elder brother, who died some thirty years ago, came to light from its place of deposit, where it had lain since the death of the last named. The Secretary of this Society became its purchaser. Among several hundred specimens were the "N.E." Shillings, the first coinage of "1652" and the second known specimen of the same type, of the "III" pence; the other being in the collection in the library of Yale College, New Haven.

A letter was also read from the Secretary, Mr. Appleton, dated London, June 15, containing an account of the American coins and medals in the great collection at Paris, which, owing to M. Battemare's exertions, is said to present by far the best display of American pieces in Europe. The Committee appointed at the last meeting to report concerning the counterfeit Pine Tree Shilling of 1650 asked for a longer time to report, which was

granted. The meeting adjourned until the first Thursday in October.

John H. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

74 October fourth. The regular meeting was held at 4 P.M. The records of the previous meeting were read, and several donations were announced, as the Proceedings of the Manchester Numismatic Society, the American Journal of Numismatics, the Journal of Education of Canada, and the catalogue of American coins in the cabinet of Charles Clay, President of the Manchester Num. Soc. Thanks were voted for all of these. The Secretary proposed Dr. Clay Res. M.N.S. as an Honorary Member, and under a suspension of the sixth By-Law he was immediately elected. The President announced that copies of Dr. Lewis' Address of Jan. 1865, having been reprinted from the Amer. Journal of Numis., were ready for delivery, and a number were taken by the members present.

Chas Clay

The President exhibited two South American pieces, belonging to Mr. Weiss. One is a large gold medal, struck on occasion of the Congress of the South American Republics at Lima, 28 Oct. 1864; the other is a pattern for Peru of the Sol, 1865. The Secretary showed some of the results of his

travels in Europe. He exhibited a collection of about thirty pieces of English gold from Edward III. to George I., including nobles of Edward III, Richard II, Henry IV & Edward IV, angels of Edward IV, Henry VII & Henry VIII, and sovereigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary, Elizabeth, James I., Charles I & Cromwell. The rarest coin is the three-pound piece of Charles I. He also showed three American curiosities, bought in London; a wreath cent of 1793 in brilliant condition, the Voltaire medal of Washington in silver, and a bronze medal of Washington, resembling the well-known Fame medal, but with the inscription, "Emancipator of America." The only known duplicate of the second is in the Imperial Museum at Vienna, and of the last no other specimen can be mentioned. In the list of Memorial Medals by W.E. Woodward, an Appendix to his edition of Washingtoniana may be read a description of it from a newspaper of 1802. On motion of Dr. Green the Society passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Ellis for the efficient and satisfactory manner, in which he had discharged the duties of Acting Secretary for the past year. Some time was spent in animated discussion on Numismatics and other matters, and at half past 5 the meeting adjourned.

W.S. Appleton, Sec.

November first. The monthly meeting was held at the regular hour. The report of the last was read and accepted. Dr. Foote exhibited a small parcel of coins, which were in his hands for sale; among them was a scarce medal of Washington in tin. The Secretary showed something of the results of his visit to Europe. The most remarkable piece is a gold medal of size 36, with the busts of Louis XII of France and his Queen, Anne of Brittany. Each is represented crowned and in royal robes; the workmanship is of great beauty and delicacy, and the condition is perfect. A collection of about one hundred coins and medals, purchased at Munich, was much admired. In it are a few American rarities, as the large "Libertas Americana" in silver, the smaller medal with the reverse "Communi Consensu", a large and exceedingly rare inaugural medal of John Q. Adams, in silver, and the pattern dollar of 1839; also two bronze medals of Franklin, one of French Masonic origin; the other, with the inscription "Fulminis Eyrandisque Domitor" is thought to be quite unknown to collectors. Among the foreign pieces are the beautiful medal on the marriage of Maximilian of Austria and Mary of Burgundy 1479, a large medal on the great victory of Lepanto 1571, another on the destruction of the

Spanish Armada 1588, a rare crown of Frederick Elector Palatine, as King of Bohemia 1621, and several medals of Luther. The moderate cost of the whole collection was cause of surprise. Considerable conversation took place on the subject of numismatics, during which the Secretary spoke of the ease with which fine coins could be found and bought in many parts of Europe; American pieces, in particular, seem to be very lightly valued on the other side of the Atlantic. The Society adjourned at about 5 P.M.

Wm. J. Appleton, Sec.

December sixth. The Society met this day at 4 P.M. The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting, and a letter from Dr. Clay of Manchester, accepting Honorary Membership, and speaking at some length of his collection of American coins and his interest in them. It enclosed a rubbing of a curious copper piece of 1757; on one side is an Indian with skins at a shop door, and the inscription, "The red men come to Eltons daily;" on the reverse, "Skins bought at Eltons." Dr. Clay suggested that it might belong to New York, but the members of this Society thought it more likely that Eltons was at Albany. The President read a letter from Hon. David Sears, accompany-

a donation of the private medal of the Sears family, for which the Secretary was directed to return the thanks of the Society; he also announced a donation of some French medalets from W.P. Jaques. On motion of Mr. Pratt it was voted; That the President and Secretary be a Committee to take charge of the printing of 100 copies of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Boston Numismatic Society, with a list of its members, in shape and style uniform with the printed Address of the Ex-President.

The Secretary exhibited a parcel of gold and silver pieces, bought at Constantinople a year ago. Among the former were a beautiful stater of Lysimachus and several coins of the Byzantine Emperors. The silver comprised a great variety, beginning with the very early coinage of Ægina, and including specimens of the money of Athens, of Philip and Alexander of Macedon, of Kings of Syria, of several Roman Emperors and the Jewish shekel; there were also a number of pieces with Cufic characters, and the present day was represented by some Turkish war-medals. The collection was examined with interest, as comprising something to ~~interest~~ attract nearly every Numismatist. He also showed two large silver medals of the Dutch Admirals, De Ruyter and Tromp, both in honor of

1866-7. the great victories over the British fleet in 1666. The Society adjourned at about 5.

Wm. L. Appleton, Sec.

1867. January third. The annual meeting was held in the Library of the Mass. Horticultural Society. The report of the previous meeting was read, and the annual report of the Treasurer, from which it appeared that the Society was free from debt, and credited with a balance of $133.07. Mr. Pratt, having been appointed auditor, reported that the Treasurer's accounts were in every way correct. The President announced a donation of coppers from Capt. A.H. Black and read a letter from Mr. Charles Bunker, resigning membership on account of other engagements; his resignation was accepted by vote of the Society. Messrs. Pratt & Putnam were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the present year; they reported the old board for re-election, & their report was adopted. On motion of Dr. Green the thanks of the Society were voted to the Mass. Horticultural Society for their offer of their Library for the use of the Numismatic Society as a place of meeting.

Mr. Mitchell exhibited two very good specimens of Roman coins in first brass. Dr. Green showed a dollar of Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, belonging

to Mr. James Parker of Springfield. The beard of the Emperor is so drawn as to present, when the coin is reversed, the appearance of the head of a donkey. Dr. Green supposed this to be an intentional piece of satire, but the gentlemen, who saw it, were divided between this view, and that attributing it to the difficulty of representing the peculiar beard worn by his Majesty. The Secretary exhibited several large bronze medals, mostly Italian of the fifteenth century. Some of the portraits belong to members of the families of Este, Malatesta and Gonzaga, and some of the medals have the name of the artist, generally that of Pisano. Perhaps the most remarkable is of John Francis di Gonzaga, Marquis of Mantua, wearing a curious Eastern head-dress; on the reverse are two knights on horseback; this medal is nearly four inches in diameter. Two are of Leonel, Marquis d'Este, one of which has on the reverse a mask of three faces. Another has the head of Isotta of Rimini, whose hair is dressed in the strange fashion of the time; on the reverse is only a large elephant. Another bears the portrait of Jerome Savonarola, in his hood as a monk. They were generally considered interesting specimens of mediaeval art. The Society adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. L. Appleton, Sec.

78 February Seventh. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 4½. In the absence of Mr. Appleton, who had gone as one of the Commissioners of Assay to Philadelphia, Mr. J. H. Eliot was elected Secretary pro tem. Mr. Colburn, one of the committee appointed to have the Constitution and list of Members printed, reported that he had had one hundred copies printed in a very elegant little quarto pamphlet, with neat head and tail-pieces for ten dollars. He distributed copies among the members present. He presented a curious and characteristic bronze medal of Frederick the Great of Prussia; Obv. Bust of the king in armor, with the legend "Fridericus Borussorum Rex, 1759." Rev. the following legend in German, "Nurnberg und Frankfurt will ichs dencken Baireuth und Anspach will ichs schencken Bamberg und Wurtzburg will ichs weisen das ich bin der Koenig in Preussen;" which may be translated, "Nurnberg and Frankfort I will remember you, Anspach and Bayreuth, I will forgive you, Bamberg and Wurtzburg, I will let you know I am King of Prussia". Mr. Pratt exhibited a large gold

coin of beautiful workmanship and in perfect condition of John V, King of Portugal, dated 1727. Its value was 6,400 reis and it is the coin commonly known as a "double Joe". The matter of making some more towards procuring a better design and more uniformity in our coinage, especially the nickel and copper coins, was introduced by the President. Although the members present agreed with the President as to the bad taste of the designs on such coins, all action was postponed until the next meeting.

The following list of the Committee on the next annual dinner to meet at the Mint at Philadelphia on the 11th inst. was read: Profs. Henry of Washington, Torrey of New York, Brush of New Haven, J. Alexander of Princeton, W. H. Alexander of Baltimore, R. E. Rogers and C. M. Wetherill of Philadelphia, J. B. Ruggles of New York, and William S. Appleton of Boston. The meeting adjourned at a quarter of five

John H. Ellis,
Secretary pro tem.

March seventh. The Society met this day at the
24 usual hour. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, and presented a set of the proof silver coins of this year. The President read a letter from J. A. Bolen of Springfield, communicating a donation of two copper tokens to the cabinet of the Society. He also called the attention of members to the fact that Prof. John H. Alexander of Baltimore, an Honorary Member, died in that city on March 2, at the age of 54. He was particularly known as an advocate of an international coinage on the decimal system, and was a commissioner to a conference on the subject, held in England in 1857; he had been designated by the President of the U.S. as a commission to the Exposition held at Paris this year. Dr. Poole exhibited two gold staters of Philip II and two of Alexander III of Macedon, all in beautiful condition. Mr. Peart exhibited a proof set of the coinage of England for 1853; it comprised 16 pieces, and was prettily arranged in a case lined with velvet. The Secretary showed the medal lately presented to him as one of the commissioners to visit the U.S. Mint; it is of silver, with one tenth part of aluminium, size 21. On the obverse is a handsomely designed head of Liberty, with the inscription, "Mint of the U.S. Philadelphia;" on the reverse

in a wreath are the words "Annual Essay 1867"—
The Society adjourned a few minutes before 5—
Wm. Appleton, Sec—

80 April eleventh. The monthly meeting was held this day at the appointed time. The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting, and presented some of the annual reports of the Directors of the Ms. Mint. The President exhibited three curious pieces belonging to Mr. Gould of this city. One is a large copper from Pegu, with the figure of a dragon; another is a medal of brass silvered, on the obverse of which is the head of Moses, adorned with ram's horns; on the reverse is the first commandment from the Decalogue in Hebrew: the piece is described in the work of Thomas Bartolini de Unicornu. The third is a large leaden seal found in digging the foundations of the bridge over the Thames for the London, Chatham & Dover Railway; on the obverse are three knights in armor with drawn swords, and the inscription, A M P O S C M A S C Z A M P M C 1030; on the reverse is the figure of a wolf bearing on his back a corpse, and the inscription, S C M O M C S A M C C O C C M A O C I O M M. Mr. Mitchell exhibited some interesting copper coins & medals.
The Society adjourned a little before 5 P.M.
Wm. Appleton, Sec.

81 May second. The regular meeting was held this day, and was called to order by the Secretary at 4¼. Dr. Lewis was chosen to act as President. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, and presented from Belding, Keith & Co. a pamphlet on U.S. securities. Mr. Davenport exhibited a Saxon crown and a German religious silver medal, which were in his hands for sale. The Secretary exhibited several silver pieces, selected on account of their large size. The largest, of size 50, represents on one side King Ladislaus IV. of Poland at the head of his army, receiving ambassadors of the Turks & Swedes, bearing olive branches; the reverse represents the victory, by which the siege of Smolensko was raised. Another of size 47 of Rudolph Augustus of Brunswick, 1685, has on one side a village among the mountains, and in the foreground a young maiden, probably Peace, standing on a shield and playing on a lute. A medal of size 44 was struck in 1716 by Count Waldstein to commemorate an ancestor, who led twenty-four sons to the wars of Premislaus, king of Bohemia, in 1254. A smaller medal was struck at the marriage of Ladislaus IV of Poland with Cecilia Renata, Archduchess of Austria. Another of 1631 represents Nicolas Contarini, Doge of Venice, on his knees before the church of Santa Maria della Salute, just built; on the verso is a view of the Piazzetta of San Marco.

The smallest piece was a coin of ten francs of the Republic of Geneva 1848. This small collection of large pieces was examined with interest and admiration. The Society adjourned soon after 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

81 June sixth. The Society met this day at the regular hour. The report of the last meeting was read, and Dr. James R. Nichols was duly elected a resident member. The Secretary announced donations of pamphlets from the Numismatic & Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia, from Henry Phillips jr. of Philadelphia, and from Dr. Clay of Manchester, England, President of the Manchester Num. Soc. The Secretary exhibited a collection of forty medals in silver and copper, struck in honor of Martin Luther, either alone or in connection with Philip Melanchthon. They were mostly issued at the various centennial anniversaries of 1517 and 1830; they range from size 39 to size 12, and present a great variety of designs. The members examined the collection with ~~interest~~ pleasure, some time in discussion of various matters of numismatic interest, and adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

July eleventh. The monthly meeting was held this day at 4 P.M. The report of the previous meeting
83 was read, after which the Secretary distributed copies of the "Circular Letter" of the Director of the U.S. Mint, containing the rules for the emission of proof coins and medals. The President called the attention of the members to the fact that one of their number, Edward A. Crowninshield of Boston, died on July 2; he was twenty-, and a graduate of Harvard, 1861. Mr. ibited an impression in tin of the large al of the Amer. Num. & Archaeol. Soc. On the head of Abraham Lincoln "Salvator he reverse an inscription in a wreath ith it were specimens of two sizes of als, reduced from the large by Hill's en- hine. The medals belong to James Parker , of the Society. Mr. Wiggin also showed ce of twenty pesos or dollars of Maxi- exico of Mexico 1866, belonging to C. P. Nich- field. The Secretary exhibited a silver hington, with his head on a pedestal, supported by figures of an Indian and Minerva, and the inscription "Gen. Geo. Washington Pres. of the Unit. Sta." He also showed a silver medal similar to one described in the July number of the Amer. Journal of Numismatics, under the title of "Dordrecht Dollars." It is of size 3 1/2, and has on one side a milking-scene,

Obituary.

Edward Augustus Crowninshield, died at Milton July 3 1867.

The Protestant Church does not solemnly canonize her saints, but they sleep forever fresh and warm as in life in the memory of those they love, and who love them. It is not fit that no permanent definite record should be made of the virtue and promise of the young man whose name heads these words. Let this scanty memorial testify at least how dear he was to all who knew him well.

Possessed of remarkable personal beauty and winning address he gained regard and good will at once. He was frank, earnest and sincere. He had remarkable healthiness and energy of nature. His intellectual powers were more above the average. He chose a mercantile life, but would have made a good minister. His talents were indeed more practical than speculative, but he had energy, patience and determination that would have insured him success in any course of achievement where his heart was enlisted.

But it was not his heartiness nor his talents that made him dear. He was as true a friend as ever lived. Whom he loved he loved better than himself. He was thoughtful, watchful and untiring, in the pursuit of the happiness of others.

I never knew a man of higher conscientiousness or of more generous morality. Probably, he had faults, but he was conscious of them when no one else was, and with what patience and labor he strove to make himself free from all sin and evil, only God knows. More than this, he was a Christian. He had a large share of religious enthusiasm, of reverence, and of self-sacrificing obedience. He followed Jesus Christ trustingly, faithfully, and he toiled well for the maintenance and enlargement of His Church.

But how poor are any human words to describe a true and beautiful character! Noble friend, farewell! God cannot have taken him from our eyes and arms forever. Can He even care to lose so precious and rich a life from His universe? No; it must be that somewhere still thy fair and sweet virtues are blossoming and bearing their rare and lovely fruit as for so short a time they did here. S.

with the inscription "Virtute Stat Vida Colonia"; on the reverse is a ship under sail, and around are four shields, on the largest of which are the arms of West India; the inscription is "Insula Reguora Vernit Fundida, 1622." Shortly before 5 the Society adjourned to the first Thursday in October.

Wm. L. Appleton, Sec.

84 October third. The regular monthly meeting was held this day at the usual hour. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted, and a letter from the Director of the U.S. Mint, enclosing a pattern for a piece of five cents in aluminium. Dr. Green presented a catalogue of the American coins and medals collected by M. Vatkemare, and exhibited a curious medallion of Franklin, which he thought quite rare, and which was new to the members present. The Secretary showed a remarkable tin medal, struck after the peace of 1783, on which is a shield, intended for that of the United States. A full description of it may be read in the American Journal of Numismatics for November, and some account of a similar one is in the catalogue of the Mickley collection. At 4¾ the Society adjourned.

Wm. L. Appleton, Sec.

November seventh. The Society met this day at 4 P.M.
85 The report of the previous meeting was read and accepted. Mr. Seavey exhibited a small parcel of choice coins; among them were five farthings of the Rosa Americana series, including one not in the Mickley sale, the small copper, known as the New England token, from the Mickley collection, the large pattern cent of 1792 with lettered edge; also six varieties of the cent of 1793 in beautiful condition, a cent of 1798, which certainly has only one equal, and one of 1812, which is a gem, and a complete proof set in all metals of 1867. The Secretary showed about a dozen pieces, among which were the shilling, sixpence and threepence of the N.E. type, perhaps the only perfect set in existence, the N.E. Elephant copper of 1694, the Washington with reverse Confederatio 1785, and two patterns of 1785 for 500 and 500 mills, all from the Mickley collection; the others were the two varieties of the large pattern cent of 1792, one with plain edge, the other inscribed as Mr. Seavey's. To be esteemed be useful, and a series of four varieties of the Washington with reverse Liberty and Security. All the pieces exhibited were much admired, and caused an animated and interesting conversation on American Numismatics. The Society adjourned at 5.

Wm. L. Appleton, Sec.

December fifth. The regular meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting and a letter from R. A. Brock, of Richmond, Va, enclosing a donation to the cabinet of the Society, for which thanks were voted. Mr. Charles H. Bell of Exeter, N.H. was elected a Corresponding Member, and G. W. Pratt was appointed auditor of the Treasurer's accounts for the year 1867. Mr. Crafton exhibited a beautiful specimen of the Stater of Alexander the Great, a tetradrachm of Philip of Macedon, and a large copper of one of the Ptolemies. Dr. Green called the attention of members to a passage in the volume of Voyages of the Baron de Lahontan, giving some account of a medal worn by the Mozemleek in North America, of which also an engraving is found on one of the maps. The Society adjourned shortly after 4½ P.M.

Wm. L. Appleton, Sec.

C. H. Bell

1868 January second. The annual meeting was held at 4 P.M. The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting, a letter from Charles H. Bell, accepting Corresponding Membership in the Society, and one from the Director of the U.S. Mint, enclosing a pattern of a coin of five cents for the cabinet of the Society. The Treasurer presented his annual report, which showed cash in the possession of the Society

1868. to the amount of $167.87. Mr. Pratt was appointed to nominate officers for the current year, and reported the former list for re-election, which was accepted and adopted. Mr. Savey exhibited a rare variety of the Rosa Americana penny, and presented to the Society five bronze medals of the Mint series, a proof set of silver of 1862 except the dollar, and several specimens of paper-money of cities and the so-called Confederate States. The Secretary nominated as an Honorary Member Prof. C. E. Anthon of New York, Editor of the American Journal of Numismatics, and the sixth by-law was suspended to admit of his immediate election, which took place. The Society adjourned at about 4½.

Wm. L. Appleton, Sec.

February sixth. The Society met this day at the usual hour. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting and a letter from Prof. C. E. Anthon, accepting Honorary Membership. Dr. Green presented a catalogue of the collection of coins belonging to Yale College with a supplement. Mr. Pratt exhibited several gold coins, taken out of a large lot sold for weight; among them were some quite desirable pieces. The Secretary showed from recent additions to his cabinet, all of especial rarity and interest. The first is the dollar of 1804 from the Mickley sale, the second is the

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"Sommer Islands" copper from the same source, the third is the Washington half-dollar of the usual type also from Mr. Mickley's collection, and the fourth is a specimen in silver of the Washington pattern of 1792, with twelve stars in a curved line over the head of the eagle on the reverse. He also called the attention of members to an engraving in Willis's Current Notes for 1852 of an Indian medal very like the one communicated by Mr. Brock to the December meeting. The Society adjourned at about 4 3/4 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

March fifth. The monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, and a letter from Charles H. Bell of Exeter, N.H., a corresponding member, accompanying a donation of paper-money of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, mostly originals, but some extract from the early plates; the thanks of the Society were voted. Mr. Putnam exhibited the medal lately presented to him as one of the Committee of Visitors to the U.S. Mint. It is of aluminium of size 21; on the obverse is the inscription "Mint of the United States, Philad." and a figure of Peace holding a torch to a pile of military implements; on the reverse "Annual Assay 1858" in a wreath of oak and olive. After some interesting conversation the Society adjourned at 4.30 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

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April ninth. The regular monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The resignation of membership by Mr. Nourse was communicated, and by vote of the Society accepted. Mr. Davenport presented some antique silver coins, and in behalf of Mr. W. Munroe four plates of coins of Venice. Mr. Davenport also exhibited (a gold mourning-medal of Washington) ~~and~~ a specimen of the Shekel. Mr. Pratt exhibited (a different variety of the Shekel, and fifty bronze medals from Berlin. They commemorate a great variety of persons and events, and are remarkable for beauty of design and execution; they attracted great attention and admiration. The Secretary showed a proof set of the coins of Victoria of 1859 with the five-pound piece in gold and the pattern crown and florin added; also the bronze medal lately struck in honor of Joseph J. Mickley, President of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia. The meeting was remarkable for the number of members present, and the different pieces shown caused an agreeable and animated discussion of various subjects connected with the general study of Numismatics. The Society adjourned at a few minutes before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

May seventh. The regular meeting was held this day at
91 4 P.M. The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting, which was accepted. The President exhibited some coins and curiosities brought from Sidon in Syria by Mr. Barker. The coins are a gold stater of Philip and two of Alexander the Great of Macedon; one of the latter has the inscription in a curving line, which variety is quite rare. They came from the collection of about eight thousand, found at Sidon in 1854, and supposed to be the treasure of one of Alexander's officers. The curiosities are an old cup of Phenician glass, very remarkable and of great rarity, and a three-sided seal from Babylon, on which are engraved a head and a representation of the bird-god. Mr. Finotti read a letter from his brother, the Italian consul, on the subject of obtaining a set of coins and medals of the Kingdom of Italy for the Society, and the President and Secretary were authorized to make an application, as proposed for the purpose. The Society adjourned at about 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

June fourth. The Society met this day at the usual
92 hour. The report of the previous meeting was read and accepted. Mr. Pratt exhibited a silver coin of Groningen of 1582. The Secretary announced his early departure for Europe, and received a leave of absence for a year, and

1868 Mr. John W. Ellis was chosen Secretary pro tem. The Society adjourned shortly before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton

93 July second. The regular monthly meeting was held this afternoon. The heat was intense, the thermometer standing at over 90° in the shade. But little business was transacted, only three members being present, the President, Treasurer, and Acting Secretary. The President read a communication from the Hon. C. H. Bell, of Exeter, N. H., enclosing a copy of the Council and General Assembly of the Colony of New Hampshire, in 1776, in regard to the emission of a copper currency. The coin was to bear on the obverse a pine tree, with the legend "American Liberty;" on the reverse, a harp. From the relative arrangement of the obverse of the proposed coin on the margin of the record it would appear that the piece in the possession of Mr. Stickney, of Salem, represented and described in Mr. Dickeson's book on American Coinage is a pattern piece of this issue.

The President called attention to a communication in the "Historical Magazine" for March, 1868, by the late Wm. Willis, of Portland, Me., concerning a silver medal struck in

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honor of Cecilius, the second Lord Baltimore and his wife, Anne Arundell.

Adjourned until the first Thursday in October.

John H. Ellis,

Acting Secretary.

October First. The regular monthly meeting was held this afternoon. A letter was read from the Secretary, Mr. Appleton, dated Paris, Sept. 14, mentioning a visit to the Museum of Northern Antiquities at Copenhagen, and relating his purchase at Frankfort of a large silver medal of 1628, with a map of the New World on it, apparently commemorating the capture of a Spanish silver fleet by the Dutch in the Bay of Matanzas, Cuba.

Mr. Pratt exhibited a large Japanese gold coin valued at ninety Dollars in currency; in shape an ellipse flattened on the sides and three and a quarter inches in width by five and a half in length. The obverse was deeply engraved width wise, and had four large floriated stamps of the same pattern, together with a heavy inscription in India ink. On the reverse which was otherwise smooth, were six stamps or metal marks, three

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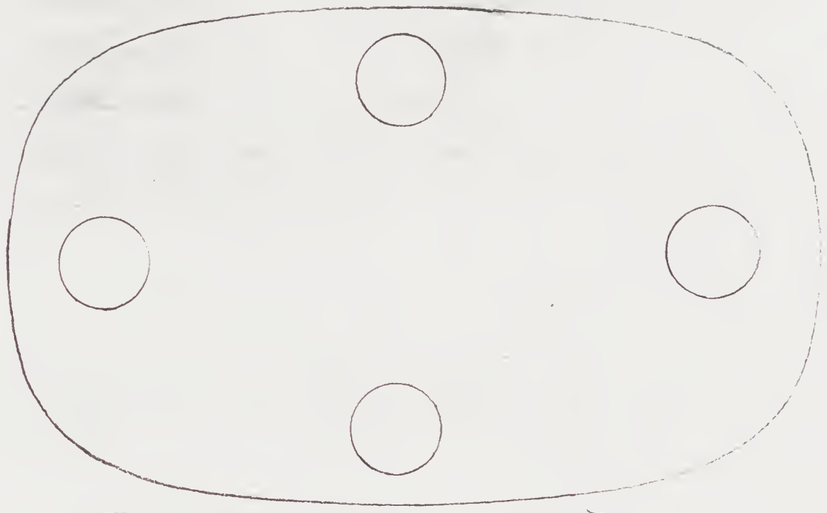

[Size of the Japanese Coin.]

large and three small, of different patterns. The coin is thick, heavy, and very beautiful. The stamps probably represent the coat of arms of the Daimi, and mark also the weight, value, and date of the coin. It must be worth in Japan eight or nine of the gold Koban's.

Mr. Pratt also exhibited a collection of twenty-nine gold coins, among which were magnificent ones of Tiberius, Marcus Aurelius, and Antoninus Pius, and an early British piece in fine preservation; the latter being of gold, being much alloyed with silver. There were also in the same collection, a noble of Edward III. of England, a

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pavilion piece of Edward the Black Prince, a noble of Richard II. which is rare, a noble of Henry VI; angels of Edward IV., Henry VII. and Henry VIII., a sovereign of Charles I., a pattern sovereign of Charles II. (1662) by Thomas Simon, the celebrated engraver, author, and artist, and a "touch piece" of James II. The secretary was directed to write to the director of the Mint of the United States to inquire when the Society would be likely to receive the set of the proposed new issue of coins for the current year promised to the Society.

Adjourned.

John H. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

9. November Fifth. The regular monthly meeting was held this afternoon. A letter was read from H. R. Linderman, director of the U. S. Mint, in reply to the secretary's communication, saying that the sets of coins referred to had not yet been struck for distribution, and that if there are not adopted by Congress, a few sets will be struck for sale. A letter was also read giving some information in regard to the Baltimore medal mentioned

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in the report of the July meeting, from the Hon. C. H. Bell.

Adjourned.

John H. Ellis, Acting Secretary.

06. December Third. The regular monthly meeting was held this afternoon. A letter was read from Dr. Annie Brown, giving an account of his purchase of the Massachusetts pine-tree shillings bearing the date of 1650, in the winter of 1855-56, and relating what he knew of these pieces, which have since attracted so much attention and commanded such high prices. The subject of their genuineness is to be investigated as thoroughly as possible, and the result will, ere long, be given to the public. A letter was also read from Mr. R. A. Brock, of Richmond, Va., a corresponding member, inclosing for the Society a Mississippi State bond, issued in 1862, in support of the cause of the Confederate States. A communication was received from the Rhode Island Numismatic Association, through its Secretary, Mr. George O. Hersey, accompanying a printed copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Association. A letter from Mr. Appleton, dated Madrid, Nov. 14th, mentions the purchase by him of many

American medals, some rare Roman coins, and various interesting pieces, in Munich and in the towns of Northern Italy. He speaks of having formed the acquaintance in Paris of a French numismatist who makes a specialty of collecting American coins, and who has some rare specimens, of which Mr. Appleton promises a description in another letter. The Society has received from Florence, in Italy, the prospectus of a numismatic journal to be published there under the title of "Periodico di Numismatica e Sfragistica per la Storia d' Italia", to appear every two months, beginning with August, 1868. Each number is to have thirty-two pages of letter press and two plates.

Prof. Haynes of the University of Vermont was present by invitation, and exhibited a collection of Greek, Roman, and miscellaneous modern coins belonging to the University. Among them were some quite good Greek autonomous coins, Athenian silver, coins of Alexander the Great, of the early and later Roman Empires, two curious old Venetian copper coins, American State coins, and English Tradesmen's tokens. Many of the ancient coins were in so worn a condition as to baf-

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fle any attempts at deciphering them.

Dr. Fowle exhibited a set of English colonial coins struck for use in China. They were proofs, and the coinage has never, it is said, been put in circulation; specimens of it being understood to be rare. The largest was a silver dollar, having on the obverse a filletted head of Queen Victoria with the legend "Victoria Queen" and a Grecian border. On the reverse are some Chinese characters in the centre surrounded by the legend, "One Dollar, Hong Kong, 1866." There were also a silver half-dollar, a twenty, ten, and five-cent piece, of the same general type, together with a copper half-cent and a mill. The latter resembled the rest, but it had a round hole in the centre, giving it the appearance of a small flat ring.

Dr. Green and the Rev. Mr. Shaffer were made a committee to nominate and report a list of officers for the ensuing year, at the next meeting. Mr. Ellis was made a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts. Adjourned.

John H. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

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January Seventh, 1869. The annual meeting was held this afternoon. The following named gentlemen were re-elected officers for the current year: President, Jeremiah Colburn; Vice President and Director, Judge S. P. Putnam; Treasurer, Henry Davenport; Secretary, William S. Appleton; Acting Secretary, John H. Ellis.

Mr. G. H. Seavey exhibited some pattern pieces struck in the United States Mint in 1867 and 1868. One had on the reverse "5 Cents" in a laurel wreath, with the legend "In God we trust." Another had on the reverse the Roman numeral "V" in a laurel wreath, the ends of which were connected by a ribbon on which were inscribed the words: "In God we trust," while above the ribbon was a small Maltese cross. There were a three cent piece and one cent of the same date (1868), bearing respectively on the reverse simple the Roman numerals "III" and "I" in laurel wreaths. Mr. Seavey also exhibited an aluminum pattern piece, which had on the obverse a delicate female head decorated with long flowing feathers, and a ribbon bearing the inscription "Union and Liberty." On the reverse was a "V" on a Union

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shield, with the legend "In God we trust," in small letters. The date was 1867. The work on all these pieces was light; the execution not at all above the average on our small nickel coins, and there was a singular lack of beauty in the designs.

Dr. S. H. Green drew attention to the following statement made by the Rev. Andrew Burnaby, Vicar of Greenwich, in a book published at London in 1775, entitled "Travels through the Middle Settlements in North America. 1750-60."

"There is less paper money in this colony [Massachusetts Bay,] than in any other of America; the current coin is chiefly gold and silver; and Boston is the only place, I believe, where there is a mint to coin money."

This statement is preserved in a French translation of the second edition of this book made by M. Willd, and published in Lausanne, in Switzerland, in 1778. It could have had no other foundation, however, than that of some absence story, and is manifestly incorrect. No coins are known to have been struck in America between the "Pine Tree" issue of the Mint of Massachusetts and the "Nova Constellatio" coppers, bearing the date

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of 1783; with the following exceptions of pieces which hardly rise to the importance of coins but deserve rather the name of "tokens" or private pieces. About the year 1737 Dr. Samuel Highley, of Simsbury, Connecticut manufactured some coppers, but they had a limited circulation and were not authorized by the Colony. Then there was the unique pine tree penny belonging to Mr. N. L. Appleton. This was from a die engraved by Col. Paul Revere and was struck in Boston in 1776, probably as a pattern piece, and was never adopted by the State of Massachusetts.

Mr. Colburn read a short paper in regard to the counterfeit pine tree money that made its appearance in 1856, which is here presented as it may put future collectors on their guard.

"In the summer of 1856 I was waited upon by a person from New York city, who desired to see my collection of coins and medals. When shown my pine tree money he made inquiries as to the varieties. I showed him Felt's work on the Massachusetts currency, which he was very desirous to obtain. He asked me if I had ever seen the "Good

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Samaritan" piece, and the silver penny as figured in Felt's Coins. I informed him that I did not believe any such coins were struck. He afterwards obtained a copy of Mr. Felt's book. Shortly after a notice appeared in the Boston Journal, saying that a hoard of "pine tree money" had been found in Chelsea. After much inquiry I was convinced that no coins had been found there, and that the item had been got up for a special purpose. Within a week or two after the appearance of the notice, a collector in this city purchased a set of the coins, including the penny, the "Good Samaritan" piece, and the NE shilling and [VI]; the last two pieces were facsimiles from the plate in "Felt's Currency" — even to the lines across the sides of the pieces, which do not exist except in the fancy of the artist. I wrote to the person who fabricated the dies saying I should like to procure a set of the pine tree money lately found in Chelsea. Shortly after he replied and furnished me with a set of five pieces, on certain terms specified in his letters which are still in my possession. A well known collector in the city of New York soon

after exposed the fraud, and the individual who had issued the bogus pieces at once denied having ever had anything to do in relation to the matter. Occasionally specimens of them are found in collections and are difficult to be detected. I think they are all of silver and all exceedingly well executed."
Adjourned.

John H. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

February Fourth. The regular monthly meeting was held this afternoon at four o'clock. A letter was read from Mr. W. S. Appleton, dated Paris, Dec. 22. He writes: "I was disappointed all through Spain in finding coins, but did better in the latter part than at first. At Cordova I saw a number of Moorish gold and silver, but, as I knew almost nothing about them, I could only venture to buy a few. At Seville I first met with the Celtic and Roman colonial and municipal copper, of which there is a great number of varieties. I bought several of them there and afterwards at Granada and Murcia, a

little town on the ruins of Saguntum, where coins are found every day. There is a beautiful specimen of a Roman theatre there, for wh. reason I visited the place. At Valencia and Barcelona I found at last specimens of the coins of early kings of Castile, Aragon, &c. Of these I bought almost every different that I saw, and have quite a little series. Many of them are of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. From Valencia I made a visit of a few days to Palma, in the Balearic Isles, and brought back some coins wh. were, of course, entirely new to me, of the kings of Aragon, struck for Mallorca. At some of these cities I found men who made a business of dealing in coins, and some of them had large collections on hand".

A present was received from the Hon. H. R. Lindeman, Director of the Mint of the United States, consisting of one set of the pattern proofs of one, three, and five cent pieces, nickel copper, new devices. The thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Lindeman.

Mr. G. F. Seaby laid before the Society a list of all the gold coins, including pattern pieces, ever issued by the United States. All these are comprised in Mr. Seaby's collection

The list is to be printed.

Mr. H. Davenport presented a number of catalogues of coin sales which took place in 1863, 1864, and 1865. He also drew attention to the following paragraph in the "Boston Journal of February 3d:

"The Bangor Whig says that Mr. J. G. Lambert found among some gold and silver coin he bought recently an old Spanish silver coin of the year 1017, being 852 years old. It bears the impricts of the rude act of coining at so early a date being "hammered out".

The coin is doubtless only a specimen of the old Cob money which was not uncommon a few years ago. The dates are often confused either from numbers omitted or wrongly impressed in the first place. According to Mr. W. S. Appleton the earliest use of Arabic numerals on a coin is on one of Sixte le Chapelle in 1404; (See Amer. Journal of Numismatics, II. p. 39, and of Roman numerals on a coin of the same city in 1374. (See Ibid. Vol. I. p. 56.)

Adjourned.

John F. Cleis,
Acting Secretary.

March Fourth. The Society met this afternoon at the usual hour. Mr. G. F. Seavey exhibited an exceedingly rare and valuable collection of gold coins, comprising all the regular issue of the United States, from the first eagle and half eagle in 1795 down to the present time. Among them were the unique half eagle of 1815, and the scarce half eagles of 1822 and 1828. He had, in addition, the pattern pieces; and also a specimen of the New York "doubloon" struck in 1787. Four of the latter are known to be in existence and one has been sold for $400.00. A vote of thanks was presented to Mr. Seavey for his kindness in bringing in for inspection this costly and beautiful set of coins.

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Proof sets of the United States coinage of all the different denominations were examined by the members.

In a letter from Mr. W. S. Appleton read to the Society he describes the following uncommon pieces which he saw in a collection at Paris;

"These are a French coin of Louis XIV for the American Colonies, with the

words on it, "Col. Franc. de l'Amer," I believe; also three small medals, one in three varieties of Louis XV, celebrating events connected with the American Colonies. I was fortunate enough to obtain specimens of two. The reverse of one has an Indian standing by the side of some plants, which I take to be cotton. Inst. "Sub omni sidere crescunt;" in exergue "Col. Franc. de l'Am. 1757." The other has a galley with a fleece hanging from the mast. Inst. "Non vilius auro;" in exergue "Col. Franc. de l'Am. 1755." The third he did not succeed in finding. The Spanish coin referred to in the last report proved, from a rubbing sent to the Society by the owner, to be a silver dollar of Ferdinand VII.

Mr. John B. Rhodes of Boston, was on the nomination of Mr. G. W. Pratt, unanimously elected a resident member, under a suspension of the by-law requiring a nomination to lie over for one meeting.

J. B. Rhodes

Mr. Ellis, expecting to be absent in Europe for some months, resigned

his office as Acting Secretary and Dr. S. A. Green was elected to succeed him. The thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Ellis for his services since Mr. Appleton's departure.

Adjourned.

John H. Ellis,
Acting Secretary.

100. April 1st. The regular meeting of the Society was held this afternoon, at 4 o'clock. The President, Mr. Colburn, read a paper on the Pine-tree money of 1650, the genuine character of which is in doubt.

Mr. G. W. Pratt exhibited a series of about one hundred gold coins, among which were a five-guinea piece of William and Mary, 1692, one of William III, 1710, one of George II, 1731, and one of George III, 1787; also a two-guinea piece of William and Mary, 1694, one of William III, 1701, one of George II, 1738, in brilliant condition, one with St. George and the dragon on the reverse, 1823, and two of George IV, proof, 1825 and 1826; a twenty-shilling piece, in gold

of Oliver Cromwell, in proof condition, 1656; a Washington funeral medal, in fine condition; a Franklin "Mind Your Business" cent, in gold; a Franco-American piece in gold, 1796, a Mexican doubloon, proof, 1859; a "double Joe" of 1726, in fine condition; an Angel of Henry VI. Also seven Victoria war medals, in silver, given for service in India, the Peninsula and the Crimea.

Dr. Saml. A. Green read a paper on the origin of the national motto, E pluribus unum, and its first use on the coinage. The legend of the New York "doubloon", as well as of one of the New York coppers, struck in 1787, is unum e pluribus; and of the "Immunis Columbia" copper, struck the same year, it is e pluribus unum. On the New Jersey copper of 1786, and the Kentucky copper of 1791, the legend is e pluribus unum; and on ~~the~~ of the varieties of the Washington cent of 1791, unum e pluribus is seen in the scroll on the reverse. The motto appears for the first time on

the national coinage in 1796, on the quarter-eagle, and in the following year on the eagle and the dime. In 1798, it appears on the silver dollar.

Adjourned.

Samuel A. Green,
Acting Secretary.

101 May 6th, 1869. The regular monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, at four o'clock, in the afternoon. Henry Davenport was chosen Secretary pro tempore.

The President, Mr. Colburn, read a letter from the Secretary, Wm. S. Appleton, dated Calcutta, March 14th, giving an account of his visit to the various cities of India, and a brief statement of the coins collected by him, among which were the nearly complete series of the Mohurs and rupees of the last 300 years, and some of the Kings of Oude. At Lahore he obtained a number of the early coins, Bactrian and Indo-Scythian, among which is a very good gold one, with the King standing by the fire-altar. At Calcutta he collected quite a variety, and among them was a curious gold one, about which he knew nothing. At Bombay, he visited the Museum

of the Asiatic Society, and saw the collection of Indian coins, though he was unable to get much information in regard to them.

W. C. Rose

Under a suspension of the rules, Willard C. Rose was unanimously elected a resident member.

Adjourned.

Samuel A. Green,
Acting Secretary.

102 June 3d, 1869. The regular monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, at four o'clock, in the afternoon. A copper medalet, struck in honor of President Johnson's visit to New York, August 29th 1866, was received from Mr. Isaac F. Wood, for which a vote of thanks was passed.

S. S. Crosby

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Sylvester S. Crosby was unanimously elected a resident member.

Mr. John B. Rhodes exhibited a series of Chinese coins, some of them of great antiquity. They were all of the usual shape, except the oldest which dated back to B.C. 250. Also a series of Siamese coins, comprising eight pieces of the same shape

but of different sizes, all in silver.

Mr. Henry D. Fowle exhibited a medal in white metal, struck in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Odd-Fellowship into this country, which event was celebrated at Philadelphia, April 26th, 1869.

Samuel A. Green,
Acting Secretary.

103 September 2d, 1869. The regular monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, at four o'clock, in the afternoon, at the Horticultural Hall. The President, Mr. Colburn, read a letter from the Secretary, Mr. Appleton, dated Yokohama, Japan, July 14th, 1869, of which the following is an extract: "In Manila I obtained the new Spanish set, struck in the island. I bought a very large number of Chinese coins at Canton and Shanghai, and several books on them in Chinese. There exists a whole library of works on Numismatics in that language. I bought a number of Japanese coins at Osaca, and at Nagasaki was fortunate enough to obtain

the gold obang, as large, I think, as any in America, but still of the second size here. I have a Japanese book, with a plate of a larger one, and have also seen one specimen of it. I found also at Osaca a book in Japanese on foreign coins, printed many years ago, which is particularly curious and interesting for having a plate of a Vernon medal and a Rhode Island medal. All these things I hope soon to be able to show you."

Mr. J. B. Rhoades showed a five-franc piece that had been cut into small fragments, which were used as currency in Madagascar.

Adjourned.

Samuel A. Green,
Acting Secretary.

100 October seventh. The monthly meeting was held this day at 4 o'clock P.M. Dr. Green called attention to the date & inscription of the Wilkins medal of Washington, & showed one belonging to Mr. Crosby; he also read the account of the medal, to be found in "Curwen's Journal & Letters," Boston, 1864, p. 204. It was suggested that the die was still extant, as specimens of the medal are occasionally met with in very

fine condition, & struck in a different metal from those known as originals. Dr. Green also called attention to the following extract from a letter of John Paul Jones, to Mr. Jefferson, dated 9 Sept. 1788, to be found in Sparks's Life of Jones, Washington, 1825, pp. 303-4. "Before I left Copenhagen, I wrote to Mr. Amoureux, merchant at L'Orient, to dispose of some articles of mine in his hands & remit you the amount. I hope he has done it, & that his remittance may be sufficient to pay Mr. Houdon and the expense of striking the medal with which I am honored by the United States. But, lest this should not turn out as I expect, I have directed Dr. Bancroft to pay any draft of yours on him for my account, as far as four or five thousand livres. I shall want four gold medals as soon as the dies are finished. I must present one to the United States, another to the King of France, and I cannot do less than offer one to the Empress. As you will keep the dies for me, it is my intention to have some gold medals struck; therefore I beg you, in the meantime, not to permit the striking of a single silver or copper medal. × × × × × ×
There is a medalist who executed three medals for me in wax. One of them is the battle between the Bon Homme Richard & the Serapis. The position of the two ships is not much amiss; but the accessory figures are much too near the principal objects; and he has placed them to windward instead of being, as they really were, to leeward of the Bon Homme Richard & Serapis. I do not at this moment

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recollect the medalist's name [Renaud]; but he lives on the 3rd or 4th stage at a marble cutter's, almost opposite, but a little higher than your former house, but de-sac Rue Jacob bout, & may be easily found. It would be of use to see the medal he has made, although it is by no means to be copied. I owe him a small sum, perhaps 200 lires. I wish to know how much, that I may make an arrangement for paying."

After some conversation in relation to the issuing of the so called Pattern Pieces by the Mint, the manner of their distribution &c, the meeting adjourned to the 4th of November, when the Secretary of the Society, Mr. Appleton, would be present, having returned home, via the Pacific Railroad from California, finishing his tour of a year & a half round the world.

Samuel A. Green.
Acting Secretary.

105 November fourth. The regular meeting was held this day at 4 P.M., when a larger number of members were present than ever before. The Secretary resumed his duties, & received the congratulations of members on his return. Mr. Seavey exhibited an excellent cent of 1795, of the type known as the "Jefferson head," a specimen of which lately brought $141 at auction in New York; also five patterns, viz.; 5 cents with head of Washington of 1866, 5 cents in a wreath of 1866, and V. III & I of 1869. Mr. Towle showed three large Indian peace-medals in silver,

of Presidents Monroe, Tyler & Polk. The Secretary exhibited some pieces lately brought home. First, a nearly complete set of the coins of Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, comprising the twenty-dollar, dollar, half-dollar & dime; also a silver medal of the Emperor, with the inscription, "Al Merito Militar." Second, two small bronze medals of Louis XV. of France; the reverse of one has a half-naked Indian with bow & arrows, standing near some plants, probably tobacco, & the inscription, "Sub omni sidere crescunt." Col. Franc. de l'Am. 1751"; the other has an antique galley, with a fleece hanging from the mast, & the inscription, "Non vilius aures. Col. Franc. de l'Am. 1755." Third, a Dutch silver medal of size 40, which may be found in the second volume of the "Histoire Metallique des Pays Bas" by Van Loon: on the obverse is a map of the New World, around which is the legend, "Genus servient in donec venit tempus quo eadem ab ipso servitutem exigent. Ser. 27. V. 7"; on the reverse the Dutch fleet is seen, entering the bay of Matanzas, to attack the Spanish silver-ships; below is the legend, "III Id. Sept. CIↃ.IↃ.CXXVIII. Auspic. Ord. Regim. Belg. Societ. Ind. Occid. Ducte P.P. Heyni Potita est in et sub Matanza sunt Cuba ins. regia classe argentea regni Novæ Hisp."; around is the legend, "Filia Babil. quæ area calcabitur ab Aquilone tempore messis eius. Jerem. 51. V. 33 et 48." This medal celebrates the capture in the bay of Matanzas, of a Spanish fleet with treasure, by the

Dutch, in Sept. 1628, under the command of Peter Heyn, who was in consequence created Lieut. Admiral of Holland. Fourth, a collection of silver coins & medals, bought at Munich, among which were several American; a half-dollar of 1795, a quarter of 1796, the large medal of John Paul Jones, one of Franklin, common in bronze, proof small Indian peace-medals of Presidents Madison, Monroe, J. Q. Adams, Jackson, Van Buren, the medal of Jefferson "to commemorate July 4, 1776," of Jackson, "reward of skill and ingenuity," one of Lafayette, very common in bronze, five medals of Luther, and some Bavarian crowns. On motion of Dr. Green, the President, Dr. Green & Mr. Pratt were appointed a committee to apply to the Legislature for a charter of incorporation for the Society. The meeting adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

December second. The monthly meeting was held this day at 3½ P.M. The report of the previous meeting was read by the Secretary, and accepted. A letter was read from Mr. J. R. Snowden of Philadelphia, accompanying a donation of a copy of his book on the Coins and Money-terms of the Bible, for which the thanks of the Society were ordered. Mr. Rhodes nominated for Resident Member Mr. James E. Root of Boston, and under a suspension of the sixth By-Law he was immediately elected; M. Jules Marcou of Paris was elected a corresponding

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Jules Marcou

Member. Dr. Lewis exhibited three gold coins, a twenty-franc piece of the Republic of Andorra, with the inscription "L'Italie délivrée à Marengo," a beautiful pattern of the same value of the French Republic of 1848, and a ducat of Andrea Gritti, Doge of Venice, with other memorials of the same Doge. Mr. Crosby showed a set of nine patterns for five cents, prepared at the U.S. Mint in 1866, and believed to include all the varieties of that year. The Secretary exhibited a number of pieces lately brought home. First, a large lot of Japanese coins in various metals, bought in that country; among the copper were some of strange shape and device, having no resemblance to the coins of any civilized nation; with these were specimens of the lowest three issues of Japanese paper, called "kinsatz," or good as gold, but which have fallen from the original intention in the manner of U.S. "legal-tenders;" also a small native hand-book of Japanese coins, and a volume printed at Baca some years ago as a guide to the value of foreign coins circulating in Japan, with many wood-cuts and long descriptions of the pieces in Japanese. Second, a set of the gold and silver coinage struck at Manila for circulation in the Filipine Islands. Third, a set of the paper issued by the Corporation of Salt Lake City, Utah, consisting of bills for two dollars, one dollar, fifty cents and twenty-five cents. Fourth, the cent issued in 1863 by J. Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak, bearing his head, and

circulating freely at Singapore. Dr. Lewis & Mr. Rhodes were appointed a committee to nominate a list of officers for the next year, to be reported at the annual meeting in January. The meeting was an interesting one, on account of the number and variety of specimens exhibited, causing discussion on the numismatics of many countries. The Society adjourned at 4.40.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

1870- January sixth. The annual meeting was held this day at 4 P.M. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The Treasurer presented his annual report, showing a balance in his hands in favor of the Society of $257.37; he declined to be a candidate for reelection, expecting soon to be absent from the country. The President reported that the committee charged with the duty of obtaining a charter of incorporation for the Society had complied with the required forms by publishing the proper notice in the Boston Post; the committee was directed to take all further steps necessary for the purpose. Dr. Lewis and Mr. Rhodes being both absent, Mr. Pratt and Dr. Green were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the present year. They reported the following list, which was adopted by vote of the Society. President - Jeremiah Colburn - V.P. & Curator - John P. Putnam Treasurer - John K. Wiggin - Secretary - Wm. S. Appleton. Dr. S. A. Green exhibited a tin medal of

"Stonewall" Jackson, and called attention to a description of a similar medal in the Amer. Journal of Numismatics for February, 1868, where it is said to be "in all likelihood unique." Dr. Green stated that he obtained his in Richmond soon after the fall of that city, and saw there more than one other specimen of the same medal. He alluded to the frequent and foolish use of the word "unique," which prevails in this country, and condemned it in words, which met the approval of most of his hearers. The Secretary exhibited a collection of about seventy-five Chinese coins, bought at Canton and Shanghai; most of them are of the usual circular form, but there are some of the razor shape, as well as of other strange outlines. There is also great variety in the designs on them, gods, dragons, junks, birds, bills &c. being represented, while many have only the usual Chinese characters. He also showed a Chinese work on numismatics with many woodcuts, and a curious roll with facsimiles of many pieces, Chinese and foreign. There is a large library of works in that language on coins and medals. On motion of Mr. Slafter a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Davenport, the retiring Treasurer, for his faithful and satisfactory discharge of the duties of his office from the organization of the Society in 1860. The meeting adjourned just before 5 o'clock.

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February third. The Society met this day at the appointed hour. The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting, and a letter from M. Jules Marcou of Paris, accepting Corresponding Membership, & mentioning the recent acquisition of a rare Franco-American coin; (see Amer. Jour. of Num. for Jan.); he also communicated two other letters, & donations from Alfred Sandham of Montreal of his volume on the Coins, Medals & Tokens of the Dominion of Canada, and from M. Hoffman of Paris of the catalogue of a large collection of coins to be sold in that city. The President announced a donation of 73 copper coins from N. O. Preble of Charlestown. Mr. Crosby Exhibited a set of pattems, prepared at the U.S. Mint in 1869, comprising 3 each of 50 cents, 25 cents & 10 cents, having one reverse combined with 3 different heads; the weight is considerably reduced from the present standard. Mr. Root exhibited an uncirculated half-dollar of 1824 stamped with the head of Washington on one side, & of Lafayette on the other, a proof dollar of Chile of 1868, and a half-penny of George III,

Dr. S. A. Green read the following passage from the "Memoirs of Thomas Hollis," London, 1780, Vol. I., pp. 397-8. Th following anecdote, in a letter from Dr. Eliot to Mr. Hollis, dated in this month, (May, 1768,) may amuse our readers:

"Sir Thomas Temple, brother to Sir William, resided several years in New England during the interregnum. After the Restoration he returned to England; the King sent for him and conversed with him on the state of affairs in the Massachusets and discovered great warmth against that colony; among other things he said they had invaded his prerogative by coining money. Sir Thomas, who was a real friend to the colony, told His Majesty the colonists had but little acquaintance with law; that they had no ill design and thought it no crime to make money for their own use. In the course of the conversation Sir Thomas took some of the money out of his pocket and presented it to the King. On one side of the coin was a pine tree, of that sort which is thick and bushy towards the top. Charles inquired what tree that was. Sir Thomas informed him it was the royal oak; adding that the Massachusets people, not daring to put His Majesty's name on their coin during the late troubles, had impressed upon it the emblem of the oak which preserved His Majesty's life. This account of the matter put the King into good humor and disposed him to hear what Sir Thomas had to say in their favor, calling them a parcel of honest dogs.

In "A Collection of Original Papers, relative to the History of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay," published at Boston, 1769 (of which we shall take occasion to speak particularly hereafter), the following description of this money, by Edward Randolph, is inserted:

"As a marke of sovereignty, they coin money, stamped with inscription, 'Mattachusets,' with a tree in the centre, on the one side, and 'New England,' with the year 1652 and the value of the piece, on the reverse. All the money is stamped with these figures, 1652, that year being the æra of the common-wealth, wherein they erected themselves into a free state, enlarged their dominions, subjected the adjacent colonies under their obedience, and summoned deputies to sit in the general court; which year is still commemorated on their coin.

This is extracted from a long invidious narrative, sent by this Randolph (who appears to have been a court spy upon the people of Massachusets) in the year 1676, to 'the right honorable Lords of his Majesty's most honorable privy council, appointed a committee for trade and plantations.'

The editor of this 'Collection,' in a marginal note upon the latter of these paragraphs, says: 'This is a misrepresentation. The first money of this impress being stamped in 1652, they never altered the date, although they stamped more annually for thirty years together.'

Some of this money must be yet in being. It is not improbable but Mr. Hollis must have had some of it. A professed antiquary will, in some remote period, seek for it with avidity."

of 1772, on which the name is misspelt Feorins. The Secretary showed a number of gold, silver & copper coins from Hindostan, most of which are of the Mogul Emperors of Delhi, though some are of much earlier date; also two copper medals of Admiral Vernon, bought at Frankfort, and different from any previously in his collection, which now numbers 54 varieties; also bills for one dollar & fifty cents, issued for the Republic of Cuba by the Central Junta at New York. (See opp. page.) The Society adjourned at a few minutes after 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

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March third. The regular meeting was held this day at the usual hour. The report of the Secretary was read & accepted. Dr. S. A. Green exhibited the medal lately presented to him as one of the committee of visitors to the U.S. Mint, it is of aluminium of a new design, but was not considered a success. Mr. Crosby showed several cents & half-pennies, illustrating the connection between the coppers of Vermont & Connecticut & the regular English coinage. Mr. Root exhibited gold coronation-medals of George IV & William IV of England, in beautiful condition, which were much admired. The Secretary showed two silver medals having some connection with America: one is a Dutch medal struck on the same occasion as that shown at the November meeting, celebrating the capture of a Spanish silver fleet near Cuba; the other is similar to a medal sold in the

Mackenzie collection, commemorating the peace of Europe in 1763, and has on one side the figure of an American Indian. He also exhibited three more pieces of the paper issued for the Republic of Cuba, viz, bills of 1, 10, & 50 dollars. Dr. Green read the following paper. "In Samuel Davis' Journal of a Tour to Connecticut, in 1789, (Proc. of Mass. Hist. Soc. for April, 1869,) allusion is made to the copper coinage of the states. In speaking of New Haven, Mr. Davis says "we find some difficulty in making change in this place. Coppers pass at six the penny. Even those graced with the legend 'Auctoris Conn.' are included. Feel chagrined that old Massachusetts, with his bow and arrow, should be undervalued. New York regulates their trade. The crown passes there, and here now, at 6s. 9d." p. 16. While speaking of the New York fruit-market, he says that "coppers pass at twenty-four the shilling, only the Jersey coinage are current in the market." p. 22. Of Voluntown, Conn., he says that "coppers pass at forty-eight the shilling, to those going east, as they pass thus at Providence." p. 27. The Society adjourned at about 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

110 April fourteenth. The monthly meeting was held this day at the regular hour. The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting, which was accepted. Mr. Crosby exhibited a beautiful collection of fine-tree money, comprising a great variety of types. Mr. Colburn showed a parcel of

miscellaneous coins, which were for sale. The Secretary exhibited a medal of the Duc de Damville, Viceroy of America, which was inquired for in the Amer. Journal of Numismatics for March. Dr. S. A. Green communicated a list of the coins and medals, which are engraved in Lossing's Pictorial Field-Book of the Revolution." On motion of Mr. Slafter, the President was directed to obtain a certified copy of the act of incorporation as passed by the Legislature. The Society adjourned at 5.

his "Pictorial Field-Book of the War of 1812," and his "Pictorial Field-Book of the Civil War."

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

In the Death of John Harvard Ellis a circle of friends and relatives are sadly bereaved and the community loses one of its promising young men. Carefully nurtured from his boyhood up, his character and life were singularly blameless. He was industrious as a student, gentlemanly and genial, modest, self-respecting and respectful to others in social intercourse. But recently beginning the practice of his chosen profession, as a member of the Suffolk Bar, and forming the closest of domestic ties; returning only a few months since from a tour abroad; in his early manhood he has been suddenly removed by that insidious and baffling disease of which so many in New England are the victims. Such a departure must seem an irreparable loss to those whom it most nearly affects; and only the strongest faith can teach the needed lesson of submission; although, as in this case, they have all the human sympathy possible from those who knew him they so miss and mourn.

The deceased was the only child of the Rev. George E. Ellis, D. D., who held him in his heart with constantly yearning affection and justifiable pride, from his very childhood; and found in him, from early youth, a companion as well as a son. He bore the honored name of the founder of the college from which he graduated in 1862. He was interested in legal and historical studies and general literature; writing, on subjects for which he had a partiality, with facility, care and unexaggerated good sense. The Transcript, with other journals, was often favored with his communications; and our readers will recall his pleasant letters from Europe published in our columns, last year, over the signature of E.

Of his worth in strong principles, conscientious regard for duty and kindly disposition, we had such constant observation that he leaves a marked vacancy among the young men we have looked upon as fit to faithfully take the responsibilities and fill the places of the generation passing away.

Such a death can hardly be otherwise regarded than as premature; and, though well for him, much is lost to us when the presence of one so fit, apparently, to live wisely and well for years to come, is suddenly missed. But before the ordination of higher than man's wisdom, the head must bow and heart be still; whilst the mournful consolation is vouchsafed of a bright memory of maturing manliness, that can be cherished with honoring esteem as well as with warmest affection.

ily met at the usual hour. The report was read & accepted. The President h of John H. Ellis, a resident mem- nd the Secretary read a short me- e transcript of this day. He was y in April, 1860. The President an- of copper coins from Rev. Samuel rtified copy of the Act of Incorpora- Legislature; it was agreed that the be called for the purpose of orga- he President exhibited a medal with lately presented to the N.E. Histori- by Dr. W. Prescott of Concord, N.H. It- of a medal found at Herculaneum

in 1840, but the opinion of various members of the Society was decidedly in favor of its being of mediaval origin, and not more than 400 years old. Mr. Pratt exhibited a case containing eleven silver medals mostly impressions of those voted by Congress to the Generals of the Revolution; they formerly belonged to Washington, afterwards to Webster, and have lately been bought for the Webster Club of Boston. Dr. Lewis showed some Chinese coins arranged on sheets, and claiming to go back to a very early date. Dr. S. A. Green exhibited twelve varieties of the little coppers with the name Columbia, & some discussion took place as to the objects for which they were struck. Mr. Root showed a beautiful proof pattern for a half-crown of George III of 1817. Mr. Seavey exhibited some of the rare U.S. patterns of 1865, 67 & 68. The Society passed some time in an examination of the many pieces brought before it, and in a partial discussion of the difference of meaning of the words type & variety. Adjourned at 5¼.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

11th June second. The members of the Boston Numismatic Society met this day at 4 P.M. in compliance with a notice issued by the persons named in the act of incorporation lately granted by the General Court of Massachusetts. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, after which the Society proceeded to a formal organization.

The former officers were all elected to the positions held by them, viz. President. Jeremiah Colburn. Vice-Pres. & Curator. John P. Putnam. Treasurer. John R. Wiggin. Secretary. Wm. S. Appleton. A design for a seal was exhibited, and adopted by vote of the Society. Dr. S. A. Green & the Secretary were appointed a committee to examine the Constitution and By-Laws, and report if any change were desirable. The President announced a donation from Mr. Charles Sprague of a large silver coin of the Bishopric of Hildesheim, formerly exhibited at the meeting of December 1862; also from Rev. B. F. De Costa a medal of the domestic missionary army; for both of these the Secretary was directed to return the thanks of the Society. Dr. Foote exhibited a copper coin lately dug up at Portsmouth, N.H., which has on one side a pine tree and the date 1776, and on the other the words American Liberty and the initials R.M. The piece was examined with great interest and curiosity. The meeting was principally devoted to an exhibition of cents, ½ cents, & pattern cents of 1793 and 1792, by Dr. Green, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Seavey, Mr. Crosby & the Secretary. Mr. Seavey exhibited ten cents of 1793, and of 1792 the Washington half-dollar, so called, in silver and copper, the copper with a row of 12 stars above the eagle, the largest "Liberty-head" cent of 1792 with lettered edge, the smaller pattern of same date in copper & also with a centre of silver, the dime in silver and copper, the half-dime &c. Mr. Crosby exhibited 15

cents of 1793, and several other pieces, including the very rare Liverpool half-penny of 1791 with the head of Washington, and the copper of 1792 with a row of twelve stars above the eagle. The Secretary exhibited nine varieties of the cent of 1793, and of 1792 the Washington half-dollar, so called, in silver (large and small planchet) & copper, the Washington with the row of 12 stars, in silver & copper (plain & lettered edge), the Roman-head or naked-bust Washington, the largest "Liberty-head" cent with plain edge & lettered edge &c. Many of these pieces exhibited were in very beautiful condition, & the opportunity of comparison made it an interesting occasion. Adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. L. Appleton, Sec.

113 July seventh. The regular meeting was held this day at the usual hour. The report of the last meeting was read and accepted. Mr. Crosby presented in behalf of Mr. Isaac T. Wood a medal of Haverford College, and the Norwalk Memorial medal with head of Washington; Mr. Wiggin presented in behalf of Rev. W. M. Dexter a Pilgrim Jubilee medal of 1870. Mr. Davenport exhibited a number of beautiful bronze medals lately bought by him from Berlin; among them were medals of Humboldt, Schiller, Goethe, Thorwaldsen, the King & Queen of Prussia, and the monument to Frederick the Great at Berlin. They were much admired for the beauty of the designs, and the perfection

of the execution. The meeting was principally devoted to an exhibition of U. S. coins & pattern-pieces of 1785-6-7. Mr. Crosby exhibited thirty-one varieties of the "Fugio" cent of 1787, one of the most remarkable having the word United above the word States, several varieties of the Nova Constellatio, the Immune Columbia with head of George III, and other pieces. Mr. Seaver exhibited several pieces, including the Immunis Columbia with obverses of the eagle and the U. S. shield, the Immune Columbia with obverses Nova Constellatio and head of George III, and four different specimens of the very rare ~~Immunis Tyrannis Americana~~ Confederatio 1785, two with the obverse of a standing female & inscription Immunis Tyrannis Americana, and two joined with a die of a badly-designed eagle & inscription E Pluribus Unum 1787. The Secretary exhibited several pieces, including the very rare Nova Constellatio of 1786, the Immunis Columbia with obverses of the eagle and the U. S. shield, the Immune Columbia with obverses of George III and Nova Constellatio in copper & silver, one Confederatio with obverse Immunis Tyrannis Americana, and another with obverse of the head of Washington, and a piece of the "Fugio" type without lettering, but with the names of the States on the rings, & in the centre the words American Congress. Some of these pieces exhibited are among the rarest of the American series, and they were proportionately admired.

Adjourned at 5¼ P.M.

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October sixth. The regular monthly meeting was held this day at a few minutes past 4. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The President announced donations of Canadian money from A. Sandham of Montreal & J. Sabin of New York, and from A. J. Bolen of a medal of himself and of eight dies made by him in imitation of rare coins, but destroyed so as to be useless for the future. The meeting was principally devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins of 1794 and 1795, and coins of New York. Mr. Root exhibited a few pieces, among which was a very beautiful dollar of 1795. Mr. Seavey exhibited the gold of 1795, and silver & copper of both years, including three dollars of 1795, four cents of 1795, and two half-cents of each year. His N.Y. coins were shown at the previous meeting, including the very rare gold piece, the coins with head of Clinton & Washington, those with the arms of the State & others. The Secretary exhibited the silver & copper of both years, including three dollars of 1795, two half-dollars of 1794, & two half-dimes of 1795; six cents of each year, and two half-cents of each year; coppers of N.Y. with head of Clinton & Washington, three with the arms of the State, a very rare one with an eagle on a half-globe, & others, among which were four varieties of the token of Talbot, Allum & Lee. The Society adjourned at 5¼ P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

November third. The monthly meeting was held this day at 4 o'clock. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting and a letter from A. Sandham of Montreal, inclosing a donation of various numismatic matters. The President read a letter from Col. Cohen of Baltimore, inclosing a donation of a beautiful Virginia half-penny. Thanks were voted to both these gentlemen. Messrs. G. M. Elliot of Lowell and M. D. Gilman of Auburndale were elected resident members. The President showed a number of bronze medals of various dates, soon to be offered for sale at auction. The meeting was principally devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins of 1796, and coins of Vermont with the allied or similar pieces. Mr. Crosby exhibited twenty-five coppers of Vermont, and a large number of others, connected with them by the design of obverse or reverse. Dr. S. A. Green exhibited a few pieces, among which was an unusually fine specimen of the "Baby-head" of Vermont. Mr. Root exhibited the gold, silver & copper of 1796, including two dimes and two cents, that with the Liberty-cap being particularly good. Mr. Seavey exhibited the gold, silver & copper of 1796, including two dollars, two half-dollars and two cents; and sixteen coppers of Vermont, one of which reads *quarta decima*. The Secretary exhibited the silver & copper of 1796, including two dollars, two half-dollars, two dimes and six cents, and sixteen coppers of Vermont, and a few pieces connected with them, evidently of English origin; he also showed two pieces lately bought at the sale of the Fewsmith

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cabinet, the small pattern cent of 1792, and the so-called unique Washington, with the reverse of an eagle & E Pluribus Unum. Some discussion took place on the coppers of Vermont, those with head of George III, & those with inscription Glorious III vis. Adjourned at 5¼ P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

1870/116 December first. The Society met this day at the usual hour. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. Mr. Pratt exhibited an exceedingly beautiful cent of 1799, for which $150.00 have been offered and refused. Dr. Poole showed a large parcel of coppers, among which were some desirable pieces. The meeting was principally devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins of 1797, and coins of Maryland. Mr. Crosby exhibited two cents, and the set of Annapolis silver, including two shillings. Mr. Root exhibited the gold, silver & copper of 1797, also a jade seal from the Palace of the Emperor of China, and a beautiful cornelian seal formerly belonging to the Duke of Wellington. Mr. Leavey exhibited the gold, silver & copper of 1797, including two eagles, three half-eagles, two dollars, two dimes, & three half-dimes; and the set of silver of Lord Baltimore, of Annapolis, & the three-pence of Standish Barry of Baltimore. The Secretary exhibited the silver & copper of 1797, including two dollars, two dimes, three half-dimes, two cents & three half-cents; and the silver of Lord Baltimore, including two groats,

Messrs. Pratt & Slafter were appointed to nominate officers for the next year, to report at the annual meeting of Annapolis, & the threepence of Standish Barry. The meeting adjourned at a few minutes past 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

1871 117 January fifth. The annual meeting was held this day at the hour appointed. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted; he announced a donation of the annual report of the Director of the Mint. The Treasurer presented his annual report, showing the Society to have funds invested to the amount of $3440.24, and a small balance of cash on hand. The Committee appointed to nominate officers reported the former for re-election; their report was accepted, and the same persons declared officers for the present year. The meeting was principally devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins of 1798-9, and coins of Virginia. Dr. Green exhibited several cents, and Mr. Pratt the cent mentioned in the last report. Mr. Crosby exhibited some cents and eight half-pennies of Virginia. Mr. Root exhibited the silver & copper of both years, including three dollars of each, four cents of 1798 & two of 1799. Mr. Leavey exhibited the gold, silver & copper of both years, including ~~two~~ eagles, two half-eagles, three dollars, & two dimes of 1798, and two dollars of 1799; also of Virginia the exceedingly rare silver piece dated 1774. The Secretary exhibited the silver & copper of both years, including four dollars of 1798, two of 1799, two dimes & three cents of 1798,

& two cents of 1799; also six half-pennies of Virginia. The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

118 February second. The Society met this day at the usual hour, and, in the absence of Mr. Appleton, Dr. S. A. Green was chosen Secretary pro tempore. A letter was read by the President, Mr. Colburn, from Mr. Edward L. Mitchell, resigning his membership in the Society, which resignation was accepted. A bronze medal was given to the Society by Mr. H. F. B. d'Aligny, of New York, – it being one of those presented to the Commissioners of the United States for their services at the French Exposition in 1867. Dr. Green gave a medal of Queen Victoria, in white metal, which was struck in 1838. The President was authorized to have the seal of the Society slightly changed, so that the New England three-pence on the face of it should conform more closely to the original in a slight detail. The Committee appointed at the last June meeting to examine the Constitution and By-Laws, reported a few slight changes, which were adopted. They were also authorized to print the same for the use of the members. Mr. Davenport exhibited a Massachusetts cent of 1787 with the arrows in the eagle's right talon. Mr. Crosby showed five varieties of the

Massachusetts cent of 1787, and three varieties of the half-cent of the same year; also eleven varieties of the cent of 1788. Mr. Root showed four varieties of the United States cent of 1800, and three of 1801, which were in remarkably fine condition; also the dollar of each year. Dr. Green exhibited four varieties of the Massachusetts half-cent of 1787, with some cents of 1787 and 1788. The meeting adjourned at five o'clock.

Samuel A. Green,
Sec. pro tempore.

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The Society met as usual at four o'clock. [illegible] chair. Present Messrs. Green, Hall, Davenport [illegible]. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Crosby was [illegible] pro tem. The record of the last meeting was read. Mr John Robinson of Salem, was [illegible] a resident [illegible] from Wm. S. Appleton Esq., the Secretary, written and read, and one from the Hon. J. P. Coleman, presenting annual issue Medal in silver, of the U.S. Mint. [illegible] P. Ripley, of Savannah, Ga. (who was afterwards [illegible] of the Society,) expressing a description of a [illegible] or medal of Marie de Medicis, was read.

Mr. Davenport exhibited a proof set of the gold coinage for the year 1871; [illegible] eagle, half eagle, dollar, dime, half dime, cent, and half cent of 1870; [illegible] dollar, half dollar, dime, half dime and cent of 1861; half and

quarter eagles, dime, half dime, cent and half cent of 1802; one Massachusetts cent, and two half cents of 1787; and two Massachusetts cents, and one half cent of 1788. All these coins were in very fine condition. Dr. S. A. Green read the following extract from the Eastern State Journal, White Plains, New York, Dec. 30, 1870, and at the same time exhibited one of the medallions in question

"Can any one tell us whether a medallion likeness of Benjamin Franklin, which we have in our possession, executed in Paris by Nini, in 1777, commemorates any special event, or was intended simply as a portrait of the great B.F.? The size of the medallion – which is of a red tile – is four and a half inches across its face, and the portrait is raised from the surface nearly a quarter of an inch. The coat is collarless, the waistcoat is buttoned close up to the throat, and at the ends of what we presume is a white neckerchief, is knotted under the double chin. His head is crowned with a fur cap – Fra style – with a tassel on the top. The features are strongly brought out, and the delicate lines about the eyes are plainly discernable. The lettering in the oval reads, 'B. Franklin, Americain.' A coat of arms, the design of which we fail to discern, appears under Franklin's shoulder where the clay is cut off square. 'Nini. F. 1777' is found beside it.

Dr. Green said that this medallion did not commemorate any special event, but was one of the many likenesses of the great philosopher, made in Paris either as engravings, busts, medals, or medallions. Dr. Franklin alludes probably to this one in his letter, dated Passy, 3 June 1779, and written to his daughter, Mrs. Bache. He there says that "the clay medallion of me you say you gave to Mr. Hopkinson, was the first of the kind made in France.

A variety of others have been made since of different sizes; some to be set in the lids of snuff boxes, and some as small as is worn in rings; and the number sold are incredible." Sparks's Franklin, VIII, 37[illegible]

The coat of arms, so called and mentioned in the paragraph, is undoubtedly the private mark of Nini, the artist who made it. A fur collar and lining were the habitual badge of the master printers of the olden times, and a fur cap would naturally go with them. An engraving of this medallion in a reduced size, is to be found in Lossing's "Book of the Revolution" II, 455.

Mr G. W. Pratt showed a medal in white metal, of Louis Napoleon, in citizen's dress and a war medal having upon its obverse a bust of Victoria, and on the reverse within a wreath of laurel

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Mr Crosby brought two coins, a half cent of 1801, a cent of 1801, four varieties of the cent of 1802, and a half cent of the same year.

The President designated for exhibition at the next meeting, an United States coin of 1803, 1804 and 1805, after which the meeting adjourned.

S. S. Crosby, Sec. pro. tem.

120 April thirteenth. The monthly meeting was held this day at 4 o'clock. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, and a letter from Alfred Sandham of Montreal, accompanying a donation of a volume on the Medals of Canada, for which the thanks of the Society were voted; the Secretary also presented catalogues of some recent coin-sales. Mr. Davenport exhibited a piece

of five francs of the French Republic of 1870, & impressions of eight great seals of English colonies. Mr. Crosby showed a few rare pieces belonging to Peter Guschend jr. of Pittsburg, Pa, the N.E. shilling & sixpence, the so-called Pine-tree shilling of 1650, the Virginia piece in silver of 1774 &c. The Secretary showed a specimen of the rare medal of Stonewall Jackson, the medal of Wm Penn in silver, a medal of Franklin in bronze, new to all, and a dollar of the Provisional Government of Spain of 1870. The meeting was principally devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins of 1803, 04 & 05. Mr. Davenport & Mr. Crosby exhibited some cents & ½ cents. Mr. Robinson exhibited half-dollar of 1803, dime of 1805, & cents & ½ cents. Mr. Root exhibited eagle of 1804, half-eagles of 1803 & 05, dollar of 1803, two halves of 1803, two of 1805, & dimes, half-dimes & cents. Mr. Seavey exhibited eagle of 1804, half-eagles of 1804, & 05, ¼ eagles of 1804 & 05, half dollar of 1805, ¼ dollars of 1804 & 05, dimes of 1804 & 05, half-dime of 1805, cents & ½ cents, accidentally omitting all pieces of 1803. The Secretary exhibited dollars of 1803 & 04, half-dollars of 1803 & 05, ¼ dollars of 1804 & 05, dimes of 1803, 04 & 05, half-dimes of 1803 & 05, cents & ½ cents, including six cents of 1803, also seven cents of 1802. The President & Dr. S. A. Green were appointed a committee to have the plate of certificate of membership changed by the substitution of the Seal of the Society in place of the meaningless ornament now on it. The Society adjourned soon after 5 P.M.

Wm S. Appleton, Sec.

May fourth. The regular meeting was held this day at 4 o'clock. The report of the last meeting was read and accepted. Mr. Robinson exhibited several copper coins of the East Indies & a large silver piece of the King of Oude. The Secretary showed a very rare French medal of Franklin, & a French bronze medal of J. J. Le François de la Lande, on which he is mentioned as a fellow of the Boston (probably American) Academy. The meeting was principally devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins of 1806-7-8, & cents of Connecticut of 1785-86. Mr. Robinson exhibited several coins of 1806-7-8. Mr. Crosby exhibited thirty-one Connecticut cents, and cents & ½ cents of 1806-7-8. Mr. Seavey exhibited five Connecticut cents, & the gold, silver & copper of 1806-7-8, including three half-eagles of 1806, two of 1807, two half-dollars of 1807, & single specimens of each other coin issued in the three years. The Secretary exhibited nine Connecticut cents, & the silver and copper of 1806-7-8, including two half-dollars of 1806, and two of 1807, four cents of 1807, two of 1808, & two ½ cents of 1806. The Society adjourned at about 5 P.M.

Wm S. Appleton, Sec.

June first. The regular monthly meeting was held this day at the usual hour. The report of the last meeting was read and accepted. The President announced a donation from Capt. Geo. A. Reble of a number of coins collected by his son Henry T. Reble lately deceased. The meeting was principally devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins of

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1809-10-11, & cents of Connecticut of 1787. Mr. Robinson exhibited three Connecticut cents, and several pieces of the silver and copper of 1809-10-11. Mr. Crosby exhibited 142 Connecticut cents, and the copper of 1809-10-11, including three half-cents each of 1809 & 1811. Mr. Seavey exhibited 22 Connecticut cents, and the gold, silver & copper of 1809-10-11, including two half-eagles, each of 1810 & 1811, & two cents of 1870. The Secretary exhibited 22 Connecticut cents, and the silver & copper of 1809-10-11, including three cents of 1810, two of 1811, & two ½ cents of 1809. The Society adjourned at about 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

Thursday July 6th. The Society met at their usual hour, Messrs Colburn, Crosby, Robinson, Seavey & Sprague being present.

The Secretary being absent Mr Crosby was chosen sec. pro. tem.

Under suspension of the by-laws, Mr J. H. Wynne, of Richmond, Va. was elected corresponding member.

Two medals in White Metal, were rec'd from Mr Alfred H. Sandham, of Montreal, Canada. One of them was a Masonic Medal, "Obv. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and accepted Masons of Canada." Shield of Arms and motto Audi Vide Tace. Rev. within a wreath of laurel and oak - "To Commemorate the Union — Consummated 14th July 1858."

The other had in the field, an Indian hatchet and pipe crossed, quartering the field in saltire, at the left being a representation of a Roman coin, and at the right, a ~~Penny~~ Coin of Victoria, an antique lamp above and a beaver below.

The legend, "★ Numismatic and Archaeological Society ★ Montreal Canada." surrounded the above device. Rev. within a wreath the Inscription, "Instituted 1862. Incorporated 1870." : underneath, Sandham's Series No 1."

A handsomely bound, priced copy of the sale catalogue of the Mackenzie collection, was received from the gentleman from whom that collection took its name.

The thanks of the Society were voted to both of the above mentioned donors.

A letter was read from Dr Annie Brown, of Salem, resigning his membership: it was accepted, with the understanding that all necessary conditions should be complied with.

Mr. Seavey exhibited 8 Connecticut Cents of 1788 the Half Eagle, Half Dollar and Cent of 1812, the same of 1813, the same, and also the Dime, of 1814, the Half Eagle, and Half Dollar of 1815, and the Cent of 1816. Mr Robinson exhibited 2 Cents and 1 Half Dollar of the years 1812, 1813 and 1814, 1 Dime of 1814, 1 Half Dollar of 1815, and 1 Cent of 1816, and 2 Connecticut Cents of 1788. Mr Crosby, exhibited 25 Connecticut Cents of 1788, [illegible] 2 each of the Cent of 1812, 1813, 1814, [illegible] 50 cents, [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] in September.

S. S. Crosby,
Sec. pro. tem.

Thursday, September 7. 1871. Pursuant to the adjournment from the July meeting, the Society met at the usual hour. Present Winslow Lewis, M.D. S. A. Green, M.D. Mr S. S. Crosby, Mr P. S. Sprague Mr Henry Davenport & Mr Colburn. Mr Crosby showed several fine specimens of U. S. Cents, five of 1817, varieties; one of 1818, and three of 1819, a rare piece in copper, size 12, having on the obverse a head of Liberty, with thirteen stars. Rev. United States of America, One Cent. This piece was considered quite rare. Dr Green exhibited four cents of 1817, one variety being different from those exhibited by Mr Crosby.

A photograph of the Seal of the Colony of Virginia under Governor Dauquier. -1758-1768, George III, - was received from Mr Wynne, of Richmond, Va.

Capt. Geo. Henry Preble, U. S. Navy, presented a copy in manuscript of the correspondence relating to the medal given to Commodore Edward Preble, with an engraving of the medal, bearing a representation of the capture of Tripoli, in 1804.

The thanks of the Society were

voted to Mr Wynne and Capt. Preble for the gifts. The U. S. coinage of the years 1820, 1821, 1822 & 1823 were named for the next meeting.

Adjourned.

Samuel A. Green,
Secretary pro tempore.

Thursday, October 5. 1871. The regular monthly meeting was held at 4. p.m. President Winslow, Green, Feavey, Slafter, Sprague, Crosby, Robinson, Fowle & Colburn. Mr Robinson was elected Secy Pro Tem. The President read a letter from Mr Appleton, dated Interlaken, Switzerland, Sept. 14. 1871. At a Sale in London he had obtained the U. S. Half dollars of 1796 & 1797, in fine condition; the Washington Half dollar, in copper, in fine condition; the piece known as the British Settlement in Kentucky - Rev. Canada &c, in copper, the Continental Currency, in brass; and the New York Token - which has been sold at a large price in the Coin Sales in N.Y. Letters were received from Thos H. Wynne, of Richmond, Va, accepting Corresponding membership - and from Genl. W. F. Bartlett, of Pittsfield, Mass, accompanied with a box of Medals and Coins - for exhibition.

Mr Slafter showed several medals - among them was the Norwalk, Conn, Memorial Medal; one of Haverford College, Penn; and one struck on the Public reception of President Johnson in New York City, on the 29th of Augt. 1866.

Mr Crosby exhibited U. S. Cents of 1820-21 & 22 & 23. also impressions of N. E. money. Dr Green showed cents of 1820-1-2 & 3. The coins named at the last meeting for exhibition at the present meeting, not having been generally known - the U. S. Cents of the dates 1820 to 1827, inclusive, were named for the Nov. meeting.

After hearing the remarks of several of the members in relation to the genuineness of certain coins represented to be of N. E. origin - and which are soon to be offered for sale - the Society

Adjourned -

John Robinson Sec. pro tem.

Thursday Nov. 2. 1871.

The monthly meeting was held at the Library of the Horticultural Society, Tremont St. at 4 O'clock pm. Present. Messrs E. F. Slafter, Henry Davenport, S. S. Crosby, G. F. Seavey, J. E. Root, G. W. Pratt, S. A. Green & J. Colburn.

1st The President showed a Collection of Gold and Silver Medals and Coins belonging to Genl. W. F. Bartlett, of Pittsfield, Mass: among them was a beautiful gold medal of General Bolivar. Ob: Bust. Simon Bolivar Libtor D. Colomb. Y. Del Peru. Rev. El Congreso A su Libertador, 1825. Ruins of a Temple &c. Size 26. It is said that but two of the above were struck in gold, this was purchased in Lima, some twenty years since. Another of Ferdinand VII. in gold. Ferdinando VII. Hisp. Et Ind. R A P. 1808. A lion rampant having a double-headed Eagle, with a falling Crown prostrate before him. Rev. Optimo. Princ. Publice. Fidelit. Jurat. Arms &c. Size 24. The Silver Coins and Medals were mostly those of Mexico, Peru, Chili and Bolivia.

Mr Seavey exhibited the U. S. Coinage of Quarters, Dimes & Half dimes from 1820 to 1827, the Proof of the last-named date was brilliant, the others mostly proofs: also 1/2 Eagles from 1820 to 1827 inclusive, and the 1/4 Eagles of 1821-24-25-26 & 27 in very fine condition. Mr Crosby

S. Green

showed fine Specimens of Cents. of 1820-21-& 22. of 1823. 2 varieties, of 1824. two, of 1825. 3. of 1826. 5. of 1827. 3. mostly in fine condition.

Mr Root exhibited fine, fine Cents of 1820. 2. varieties 2. of 1821. 2 of 1822. 1823. 3 of 1824. 2 of 1825. 3 of 1826 and 3 of 1827.

Mr Davenport showed a Series of fine Cents from 1816 to 1827 inclusive. including several uncirculated which were among those returned from South Carolina to the U. S. Mint when the Copper Coinage was called in. Dr Green showed Specimens of the various dates named above.

Adjourned.

Samuel A. Green.

127 Thursday, Dec. 7, 1871. The monthly meeting was held this afternoon at four o'clock, the President, Mr. Colburn in the chair. The report of the previous meeting was read and accepted. Mr. G. W. Pratt and Dr. S. A. Green were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Several of the members were absent, being in attendance at the Sale of the collection of Dr. Charles Clay, which took place on the 5th, 6th, and 7th of this month.

Mr Robinson, of Salem, showed a fine collection of Cents and half Cents from 1828 to 1835 inclusive; many of the pieces were uncirculated. They were from a Collection thrown aside during that period by a farmer in the vicinity of Salem, who received them in the ordinary transactions of trade. A letter was read from the Secretary, Mr Appleton, dated Paris, Nov. 11. 1871; he had procured the coins struck since the fall of Napoleon III., and mentions that the list of medals struck since that event are quite numerous. At Venice he added several pieces to his Series of the Doges of Venice, including one of Marino Faliero, who was beheaded, which is rare. At Vienna he obtained the Series of coins lately issued for Roumania under Prince Charles of Hohenzollern. He also wrote as follows:

"M. Prosper Mailliet, of Bruxelles, has lately published a work in two volumes, one of text and one of plates, called "Catalogue descriptif des Monnaies Obsidionales et de Necessité."

He is now engaged on a Supplement, which will probably be larger than the original work. In the Supplement are three pieces, described as in the

Collection of J. J. R. Whaites, an English gentleman living at Bonn, in Germany. This Collection was sold at auction in Frankfort in August, and these pieces were bought by M. Hambinger, from whom I obtained them. The description is in French, which I translate - America, place not named, Piece of eight reals, in Silver - Obv. A pole ending in a ring and two hooks, standing in a sort of box; above a Star, and in the field AP EE VA, in three monograms Rev. 8 R. - V. A. - 1822. Piece of two reals, same type, the Star of the obverse is lower. Rev. 2. instead of 8, Reals. Obv. Pole with two hooks between three Stars. Rev. of the other, I. Real. I read the monograms; Provincia de Valencia. The pieces are not known as belonging to Valencia in Spain, and are therefore probably of Mexico, or South America."

Adjourned.

Samuel A. Green,
Secretary.

*A Description of this piece can be found in Le Blanc Traité historique des monnoyes de France, 1692, p. 304, and in "Conbrouse Cabalogue nationale de Monnaies de France," (Paris 1839)

Thursday, Jan. 4. 1872, The annual meeting was held this day at 4. p.m. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting wh was accepted. The Committee appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year reported as follows - for President - Jeremiah Colburn, V. President & Curator - Henry Davenport, Treasurer, J. K. Wiggin, Secretary - Wm S. Appleton: which report was adopted. Members present - Messrs Colburn, Robinson, Crosby, Rhodes, Root & Green. The President presented the following coins from Mr George H. Ulex, of Hamburg, Germany, - an Electrotype copy of a French coin - said to have been the first coin struck for Canada - Ob. Head to right LVD·XIIII·D G FR·ET·NAV·REX Rev. Shield Crowned GLORIAM·REGNI·VTVI·DICENT·1670 mint mark A. and another above the Shield. Silver, * Size 13. also four pieces in German Silver, 1 Real and its divisions, struck in Paris, 1869-70, for the Republic of Honduras, and rejected by that government; they were returned and sold to the manufacturers of German Silver ware, in Hamburg.

Mr Root exhibited two proof dollars of 1836 - one the rare "Gobrecht", and proofs of 1838 & '39 and 1840; Half dollars 1828 to 1835 inclusive, 1836 two varieties, '37, '38 four varieties; '39 & 40, uncirculated & proofs; Quarter dollars 1828 to 1840 uncirculated; dimes

1828 to 1840, inclusive, all uncirculated. Half Dimes 1829 to 1840, inclusive, all uncirculated. Cents 1828, '29, '30, '31 two var. '32 two var. '33 to '40 - of the last two var. all uncirculated, or proofs. Half Cents, 1829, '31, '32, '33, '34, '35, '36 & '40 uncirculated. He also exhibited the following pieces from the Clay Sale; the "Naked Bust Washington Cent," 1792, brilliant proof, large Eagle Cent, Obv. Head of George III, unique. Large Pattern Virginia Penny, 1773, size 17. Cents of 1793, '94 & '95, and Half Cent of 1797 all proofs. Mr Crosby showed Cents of 1828 two var. '29, '30 two var. '31, '32, '33, '34 two var. '35, '36 two var. '37 three var. '38, '39 four var. '40 four var. all in fine condition. Half Cents 1828 to 1840 inclusive. Several var. Mass Cents 1787 & 88 fine. Two varieties of the Pitt Medal and two Colonial Patterns, in Brass Metal, from the Clay Sale. Mr Robinson showed Half dollar of 1836, Proof. Cents in fine condition from 1835 to 1840 inclusive.

Adjourned -

Samuel A. Green,
Secretary.

Thursday, Feb. 1. 1872. The monthly meeting was held at 4½ P.M. Present. Messrs Colburn, Green, Pratt, Slafter, Davenport, Crosby, Root, Sprague & Fowle. Mr W. T. Waldwell was elected a member. Dr Green presented the following coins from Mr R. Elton, A greek coppa coin, a Scotch groat of Robert, a coin of John VI. 9 barcis, & several pieces of Mandalay money. Mr J. H. Wynne, of Richmond, Va. presented fac-similes of the Seals of Virginia. Dr Edward Jarvis presented twelve pieces of paper money. The thanks of the Society were voted for the above. Mr Seaver, showed a complete Series of the United States coinage in gold, Silver & copper from 1840 to 1850 inclusive, three pattern half dimes, 1849, and pattern (engraved) gold dollar of same date; also from the Clay Sale the "Good preserve New England, 1694", "N.S." Sixpence, "N.E." penny? and three Colonial coins of Louis XVI. Mr Crosby showed the following proof half cents - 1840, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, and two of 1849.

Adjourned -

Samuel A. Green,
Secretary.

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Thursday, March, 7, 1872. The meeting of the Society was held at 4. p. m.

After the reading of the records, the Treasurer presented a note from Samuel Jennison, Esq. resigning membership, which resignation was accepted. The President noticed the death of Mr Stearns, of Cambridge, and also that of Mr Taylor, of Charleston, S.C. a corresponding member.

The following obituary notices were prepared at the request of the President, that of Mr Stearns by the Rev. Dr. William Newell, of Cambridge, Mass; the notice of Mr Taylor, by a friend in Charleston, S.C. and by Mr Wm. E. DuBois, of Philadelphia.

WM. GORDON STEARNS.

THE subject of the following obituary notice was one of the first Numismatic Collectors in this vicinity, as well as one of the earliest members of this Society. This notice of him was prepared by a College classmate.—[EDS.

WILLIAM GORDON STEARNS was born in Chelmsford, Mass., November 22, 1804. He was the only son of Asahel Stearns, Professor of Law in Harvard University. His mother, Frances Wentworth, was the daughter of Benjamin Whitney, of Hollis, high sheriff of Hillsboro' County, N. H. He entered Harvard College in 1820, graduated in 1824, holding a respectable rank for scholarship, and always esteemed by the Faculty and by his fellow students, for the excellent and substantial qualities of his mind and character, though his native reserve and shyness made him less known than he deserved to be. On leaving College he devoted himself to the study of the law, and received the degree of LL. B. in 1827, and he then began the practice of his profession in Boston, and in 1834 entered into partnership with Theophilus Parsons, Esq., now Professor of Law in Harvard University.

In 1844 he accepted the Stewardship of Harvard College. He held this office for twenty-six years, till the autumn of 1870, when, with a presentiment of coming evil, he sent in his

resignation, after a most diligent, faithful, judicious and acceptable performance of the duties of his place. In December of that year, after imprudent exposure on a very cold and windy day, he was suddenly seized with a paralytic affection which deprived him of the power of speech, and, to some extent, of the use of his limbs, and of his mental faculties. From this he never recovered. After more than a year of trial and suffering under his disease, he was at length released from his prison in the flesh, January 31, 1872, at the age of 67.

Mr. Stearns, inheriting much of his excellent father's nature, was a man of sound intellect and judgment, cultivated by reading and meditation, and of sterling qualities of mind and heart. Without brilliant gifts and of a modest and retiring disposition, he was not destined to shine in the world. His life was a quiet and uneventful one. He preferred a quiet and unshowy career, and was content with the tranquil usefulness of his lot. Though he never sought society, and confined himself to his office and his solitary home, there was no lack in him of kindness or sympathy. And those who knew him found him a genial companion and a faithful friend. Under his outward reserve beat a warm and generous heart, ever ready to help in time of need. Strict accuracy, fidelity to his trusts, a high sense of honor, the most scrupulous integrity and conscientiousness marked all the acts of his life. He was a man of a reverent and religious nature, yet in this, as in other respects, reticent and undemonstrative, feeling more than he said. We part from him as one of the true men, who, in a life of quiet and steady service, have done well their part on earth, and entered, we trust, on higher and happier work in some other of the "many mansions" of our "Father's house."

CAMBRIDGE, Feb. 29, 1872. W. N.

JAMES H. TAYLOR.

DIED suddenly, at his home in Charleston, S. C., on the evening of February 3, 1872, JAMES H. TAYLOR, aged sixty-one. A man of rare mind and rich culture, not only from the keen susceptibilities of his nature, which attracted every mental treasure within his reach, but from a habit of devoting every spare moment of daily life of complicated and varied business, to the securing and arranging the best thoughts, in the best way, for future use. Analytical and critical, at the same time comprehensive in his powers, he grasped and possessed a whole array of subjects, usually left to professedly scientific and philosophical men. Genial, benevolent and beneficent in feeling and action, guided and governed by high Christian principle, it is enough to say, "That these elements were so mixed in him, that nature might stand up and say, 'This was a man!'"

The foregoing is from a correspondent in Charleston, to which we will add the testimony of another in Philadelphia:—

"COL. TAYLOR was a man of remarkably fine presence, and prepossessing in his address. Mild, dignified and courteous, he bore the very impress of a gentleman,—let me say, one of nature's noblemen. This, indeed, is not the most that we seek in man, but society is greatly enriched by the mingling of such men. Although a Southerner, his comprehensive mind and heart overleaped the boundary line, once real, now imaginary, between North and South, and he had only to be known, anywhere, to have warm friends.

Although Col. Taylor was a partner in a conspicuous mercantile house, and latterly had consented to join the cares of a municipal office, he found time for the elegant diversions of literature and numismatics; and it is chiefly on this last account that his record deserves to be kept in the *Journal of Numismatics*. He had a fine collection of coins, American and foreign, the result of many years' assiduous accumulation. He has long been a member of the Boston Society."

A letter was read from the Secretary, Mr. Appleton, dated at Rome, Feb. 10, 1872, in which he says, "I have lately got quite a number of Italian coins; at Milan, the triple-face dollar of Trivulzio, which brought a high price at auction in New York, not long ago; at Parma, coins of various North-Italian duchies, &c. At Rome, I have especially tried to complete series of the emperors and popes, but with less success than I could wish. I have however found some pieces of emperors I wanted, and which count among those of a certain degree of rarity. I have been more successful with the popes;

having added several of the small silver coins earlier than any I had in the series, three being of the fourteenth century. I have also the still earlier coins struck by the Senate, and by Charles of Anjou and Brancaleo as senators in the thirteenth century. I have also picked out a few more of the large silver scudo, of which there is such a great number and long series."

The proof coins for various members of the Society were received for distribution. Mr. Root showed the following pattern pieces: 1851, dollar in copper; 1852, gold ring dollar; 1852, U. S. ring cent; 1852, nickel ring dollar; 1852, silver ring dollar; 1852, gold ring dollar; 1853, cent in nickel; 1854, flying-eagle cent;—also the complete series of the coinage from 1851 to 1854 inclusive. The dollars of 1851 and 1852 were particularly fine and well struck. Mr. Crosby exhibited U. S. Cents—two of 1850, two of 1851, one of 1852, two of 1853 and two of 1854. Half-Cents. One each of 1850, '51, '52, '53. One in copper and one in brass, of 1854. Patterns. Ring cent of 1850. Two Cent Piece of 1850. Nickel Cent of 1851. Nickel do., of 1853. Two do. of 1854.

Dr. Green showed one of the medals, in silver, struck for the late Assay Commission. Adjourned to the 11th of April next.

Samuel A. Green,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 11. 1872.

(131) The monthly meeting was held this afternoon. Present. Messrs. Crosby, Root, Colburn, Green, Fowle and Sprague.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr Alfred Sandham, of Montreal, Canada, was nominated by Dr. Green as a corresponding member.

Mr. Crosby showed a cent of 1856, nickel size, in copper, and the same without date or letters, & two of same date, different proportions of nickel. Nickel cents of 1857, patterns, 2 types; patterns of

the two dollar & a half piece 1857. 2 varieties; two pattern Nickel cents ~~1857~~, large planchet, Indian head no date, and various others of 1858 & 9.

Adjourned.

Samuel A. Green.
Secretary pro tempore.

(132) Thursday, May 9. 1872. The Society met this afternoon at 4 o'clock, President & Messrs Davenport, Colburn, Seavey, Green, Fowle, Crosby and Wiggin. Mr Alfred Sandham was elected a Corresponding member. Mr C. J. Cleveland of N.J. presented a Catalogue of his Collection to be sold in N.Y. the 7 & 8th inst.

Mr Wynne, a Corresponding member, presented a set (10) of the Revenue Stamps of Virginia, 1813-14. They are of uniform size and design, circular in form, measuring one inch and an eighth in diameter; the design representing an arrow and an olive branch crossing each other — the word "Virginia", and the denomination in Roman letters around the border.

Mr Seavey showed a complete set of our Gold and Silver coin 1855 to 1862 inclusive, in proof condition.

Adjourned.

Samuel A. Green.
Secretary.

Thursday, June 6. 1872. The Monthly meeting was held this p.m. at 4 o'clock, Present Messrs Pratt, Crosby, Seavey, Wiggin, Sprague, Fowle and Colburn.

Mr Crosby showed four specimens of the "Newby Coppers," which were circulated in New Jersey, and under the authority of the Colony, in 1682. The Ob: bears the legend "Floreat Rex:" a crown divides the legend. Below is the figure of a Harp and performer kneeling. Rev: "Quiescat Plebs," St. Patrick with a Cross, Church in the distance. One in Silver & three in Copper, the latter have a small piece of brass inserted where the Crown is impressed. He also showed four of the same type, one of which was Silver, and three in Copper, also three another type, of larger size (18). Ob: same as the smaller size. Rev: "Ecce Grex". St. Patrick with crozier and Shamrock followed by the people.

Size 16.

The latter three pieces belong to R.C. Davis, Phila

Mr Pratt showed a beautiful Series of U. S. Gold, from the Collection of the late Wm. C. Stearns, comprising the following pieces—

Eagles 1795, 6, 7, 8, 9. 1800, 1, 3, 4, 38, 39, 40 & 41.

Half-do. 1795, 7, 8, 9, 1800, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40. Quarter do. 1796, 7, 8, 1802, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 39, 39.

a Guinea of James II., in fine condition, and various Medals in Silver.

Mr W. H. Lewis, of Kaponah, N.Y. presented a Photograph of two Indian relics found in an Indian grave in Cayuga, Co. N.Y. one represents a woman with legs and feet extended, holding a child, the other a figure of a swan, a fine specimen of Indian work.

Mr Alfred Sandham, presented his late pamphlet "Supplement to Coins, Tokens and Medals, of the Dominion of Canada."

The President read two letters from Mr W. S. Appleton, dated at Paris; at Florence he added to his collection a number of the Coins of the Grand Dukes of Tuscany, and Several medical gold pieces, and two of the Dukes of Burgundy, for Holland. He had added to his Revolutionary Medals that of Port Mahon & Gibraltar, in Silver; and to his Coins many in the French Series.

at Paris

Mr Pratt proposed for membership Mr Phineas Adams, of Manchester, N. H. and under a suspension of the 6th By law he was elected.

Adjourned to July 11th.

Samuel A. Green,
Secretary pro tem.

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Thursday, July 11th, 1872. The monthly meeting of the Society was held this afternoon, the President, Mr. Colburn, in the chair.

The report of the last meeting was read and accepted. The President read a letter from the Secretary, Mr. Appleton, dated at London, in which he says that he should be present at the October meeting; also one from our associate, Mr. James E. Root, dated London, June 15th. Mr. Root had passed ten days in Ireland, and from London would make a visit to Edinburgh, thence to Paris, returning home in the autumn.

The President reported the purchase of the following Numismatic works for the Society, by Mr. Pratt, from the Library of the late Wm. C. Steant:

I. Pocket Tables of English, Silver & Gold Coins.
II. Smelling on the Coins of Britain, France & Ireland.
III. The Virtuoso's Companion & Coin Collector's Guide.
IV. Leake's Account of English Money.
V. Marshall's Coinage of Great Britain.
VI. Hawkin's English Silver Coins.
VII. Eckfeldt & DuBois, Manual of Coins.
VIII. Catalogue of the Trattle Sale, priced.
IX. Hickey's American Coinage.

Adjourned to Oct. 3d, 1872.

Colburn, Pratt, Appleton, Wiggin & Robinson.

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October third. The regular meeting was held this day at 4 P.M. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. He also announced a donation from Alfred Sandham of Montreal of Part I of the Canadian Antiquarian, and read letters from Edward Jarvis & J. W. Trasettine, the former inclosing a bill for 8 "gourdes," Haitien currency for the cabinet of the Society, the latter concerning the pattern-pieces of 1000 & 500 mills of 1983. The Secretary exhibited several pieces just bought from Europe, viz. exquisite half-dollars of 1796 & 1797, the curious little token of "New York in America," rev. Venus & Cupid, British Settlement in Kentucky, rev. Copper Co. of Upper Canada, a proof in copper, Continental Currency in brass, Washington half-dollar in copper & the large- & small-eagle cents; also the three pieces bought at Frankfort, described in report of last December, (the monograms should read PA. DE. VA), the French coin for Canada, described in report of last January, one of the copper coins supposed to have been struck under the charter of Sir Wm. Alexander, an uncirculated impression in tin of the obverse of the Washington Masonic Medal, and the medal in silver struck in 1783 with the arms of the United States and the bombardments of Port Mahon & Gibraltar; also the set of the six season medals in silver & copper, once sold for $300, and lately come into the hands of the Secretary from Philadelphia. These pieces were examined with interest and admiration. The Society adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

1872 November seventh. The monthly meeting of the Society was held this day. The report of the last meeting was read and accepted. The President announced donations from J. R. Baker of a medal in lieu of the Jubilee of the Reformation, by the Lutheran Church in America 1867, and of a Russian bronze medal through Dr. S. H. Green. Mr. Seavey exhibited several choice pieces, some of which came from the collection of Dr. Clay; among them were two fine cents of 1793, the "God preserve New England 1694," Immune Columbia in silver, the copper token for twelve pence of Dawson, Gloucester co., Virginia, the N.E. three-pence, and the silver coin, stamped N.E. I. The Secretary exhibited several coins of the present French Republic 1870-1-2, with two bronze medals of the Commune of Paris, and a curious medal much worn in copper gilt, with heads of George III & his Queen, and reverse of England welcoming an American Indian, with inscription Loyal Associated Refugees; nothing is known of its history. The Society adjourned about 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

1872 December fifth. The Society met this day at the regular hour. The report of the last meeting was read & accepted. Mention was made of the great fire of Nov. 9, in which Mr. Wheeler's medals were destroyed, while Dr. Green's collection had a narrow escape. The President appointed Mr. Pratt & Dr. Green the committee to nominate at the annual meeting in January officers for the coming year.

Mr. Marcou, a corresponding member, was present by invitation, & exhibited a few rare pieces, the "Voltaire" Washington, the Masonic Franklin, a very rare Franklin with head nearly full face & reverse inscription "Non invita fulmina cunct;" & impressions of both sides of the large medal of July 4, 1776 with inscription "To Peace & Commerce." Mr. Rhodes exhibited a silver medal of the "Bonheur de Commerce" or Bonheur of Marseille, & Mr. Pratt a very good specimen of the rare ½ dime of 1802, making perhaps the fourth known to American collectors. Mr. Crosby showed a large collection of varieties of the Granby coppers, including copies of those of which originals were wanting. Mr. Davenport exhibited a silver coin of Burmah & Mr. Forte a portion cut out of a Spanish dollar & stamped Nouvelle Orleans. The Secretary showed a specimen of the same rare Franklin as Mr. Marcou, two varieties of the Granby coppers, & a bronze medal of President Lincoln by Bovy of Geneva. The meeting was attended by twelve members. The Society adjourned a little before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

1873 January second. The annual meeting was held this day, the Vice-President, Mr. Davenport, occupying the chair. The report of the last meeting was read & accepted. Mr. Davenport as Curator made a short report, and asked for more time to make his more formal annual

statement. In the absence of the Treasurer no financial report could be made. The committee appointed at the last meeting nominated the former board of officers for re-election; their report was accepted, and the same persons were voted to their positions for the present year. Mr. Crosby exhibited two medals, one of them made from the metal of the bell of the Court-House of Chicago, destroyed in the fire. The Secretary exhibited the copper token of 1757, "The red men come to Eltons daily," & two medals, closely connected; one is of silver with the head of George III, & reverse of an Indian & white man seated together, inscription "Happy while united 1764; the other is of bronze with the arms of Virginia, & reverse of an Indian & white man seated together (but in the opposite direction), inscription "Happy while united 1780." The Society adjourned at 4¾ P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

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February eighth. The regular monthly meeting was held this day. The report of the last meeting was read & accepted. The President announced a donation from Rev. J. M. Finotti of a curious little pamphlet, "Portuguese & Spanish money turned in to English coin," & Mr. Davenport presented on behalf of Mr. S. Johnson some small Swedish coins & others; he also exhibited a necklace made of old silver Arabic coins found in Sweden, now gilt. Mr. Crosby exhibited the original patterns for 1000 & 500 mills of 1783, derived from the family of Charles

Thompson, Secretary of Congress; also another for 500 without the words Constellatio Nova, & without the history of the other two. Mr. Root exhibited the set of patterns produced in 1848 in France for 5 francs & 10 centimes for the Republic, about 25 of each in tin covered with nickel. The Secretary exhibited eight large silver German medals, religious & allegorical, on some of which are curious representations of Bible scenes. The Society adjourned shortly before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

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March eighth. The regular meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The Treasurer made his annual statement, showing the Society to be in excellent condition financially. The President exhibited a small selection from the papal medals of Dr. Winslow Lewis, with which was a siege-piece of Lampen. Mr. Pratt exhibited a gold coin of twelve lire of Genoa, a medal of Louis Napoleon at his election to the Presidency, and a silver medal presented to a member of the Palmetto regiment for services in Mexico. The Secretary exhibited a California gold quarter-dollar of 1852 with head of Washington, and a brass medal of George I, perhaps intended for Indians. It has the bust of the King, facing the ~~left~~ right & inscription George King of Great Britain; Rev. A hunter aiming an arrow at a deer, who stands near a very strange looking tree; in heaven is the sun, Size 26. The Society adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

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139 April tenth. The monthly meeting was held this day. The report of the last meeting was read & accepted. Mr. Seavey exhibited a specimen of the large Continental Currency in silver; and photographs of the rarest pieces of his collection, intended to illustrate the catalogue. Mr. Crosby exhibited a curious collection of Washington funeral medals in gold, silver, copper & tin, including the imitation by Dr. Edwards, and one very poor one in tin, which differs from the ordinary dies in size, being smaller, & of course in other respects; he also showed the real half-penny of the Copper Company of Upper Canada. The Society adjourned at about 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

140 May first. The Society met this day at the regular hour. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. He also exhibited two large silver crowns of Dukes of Brunswick, Geo. Louis 1664, & Rudolph Augustus 1686. Notwithstanding the lack of pieces on exhibition the members passed an hour very pleasantly in conversation, in which the recent sale & purchase of Mr. Seavey's collection took a large share. The Society adjourned shortly before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

141 June fifth. The regular monthly meeting was held this day. In the absence of the President Mr. Slafter was called to the chair. The report of the last meeting was read

& accepted. The Secretary exhibited five medals of Washington, one of the U.S. Military Academy for "Academic Merit", another by Bolen with a copy of the beautiful Franco-American head of Liberty on the reverse, & three with the end of Wolfe, Spies & Clarke or Spies, Wolfe & Clarke, & reverse of head of Jackson, all different. The Society adjourned at 4½ P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

142 July third. The regular meeting was held this day. In the absence of the President Mr. Sprague was called to the chair. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. Mr. Crosby exhibited a Spanish bronze medal on the restoration of Ferdinand VII. The Secretary exhibited a large lead medal of Washington, struck on occasion of the "Metropolitan Carnival" at Washington, Feb. 22, 1871. The Society adjourned at 4 3/4 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

143 October second. The monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The President read a letter from Judge Putnam, communicating to the Society a silver medal of Edwin Forrest, a donation from Mr. David R. Whitney. Mr. Crosby exhibited a very good specimen belonging to Hon. W. B. Shurtleff of the

rare medal of Wm. Pitt with the inscription Britannia et America Junctæ. The Society adjourned shortly before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

November sixth. The Society met this day at the usual hour. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. Messrs. Thomas Wilson of Manchester, N.H. & Louis G. Parmelee of Boston were elected Resident Members. Votes were passed ordering the Secretary to ascertain if Mr. Phinehas Adams of Manchester, N.H. accepted membership, & requesting Mr. Pratt to take charge of the Treasurer's accounts, obtain from him all his books, & report the financial condition of the Society at the next meeting. Mr. Crosby exhibited an impression of an old steel die of the State Treasury of Rhode Island for a stamp of $2.00. The Society adjourned shortly before 5 P.M.

Thos Wilson
L G Parmelee

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

December fourth. The regular monthly meeting was held this day. The report of the last meeting was read & accepted. The President announced a donation from Mr. T. Heaney of Cincinnati, of four medals of the Cincinnati Exposition. Messrs. Pratt & Green were appointed a Committee to nominate at the annual meeting in January Officers for the coming year. On motion of the Secretary it was voted that the Society subscribe for one copy of the work on

American Coins, edited by Mr. S.S. Crosby under the auspices of the N.E. Num. & Arch. Society. Mr. Parmelee exhibited three curious little pieces, a German jetton, a coppin of Cartagena & a silver coin probably of Denmark. Mr. Crosby exhibited two bronze Italian medals, one of a Cardinal of the Medici family, the other of a Barnabite Friar. The Secretary alluded to the mention in the papers of a silver medal of George III, for which £1000 are asked, & showed a better specimen of the same medal, worth perhaps £10. The Society adjourned at 4 3/4 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

1874. January first. The annual meeting was held this day. After an exchange of the congratulations of the season, the Secretary read his report, which was accepted. He read two letters from Isaac F. Wood of N.Y., accompanying donations of medals from Mr. Wood himself, & of the rare & beautiful French bronze medal of President Lincoln from Mr. L. Bayley; for both of these thanks were voted. The Secretary also read a short notice of John T. Akerman of England, an Honorary Member, whose death had come to our knowledge since the last meeting. Mr. Henry W. Holland of Cambridge was elected a Resident Member. Mr. Pratt from the Committee nominated as Officers for this year J. Colburn, Pres. H. Davenport, V.P. & Curator. John Robinson, Treas. Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.; the report was accepted, & the gentlemen named were voted to be Officers

for 1874. Mr. Crosby exhibited the copy of the French-American coin belonging to M. Marcou, with inscription "Double de l'Amerique Bangorse." The Secretary exhibited a plated medal of Washington, struck in anticipation of the Centennial Celebration & dated 1876; he spoke in terms of strong condemnation of the practice of placing a false date on coins or medals, as falsifying one of the most faithful evidences of history. The Society adjourned at 4¾.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

February fifth. The regular meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted, and a letter from Mr. Henry W. Holland, accepting membership. Mr. Wm. F. Johnson of Newton was elected a Resident Member. Dr. Green read a memoir of Mr. James Parker of Springfield, a Resident Member, who had died since the last meeting. Mr. Crosby exhibited an engraved copper piece of 1776, belonging to C. M. Hodge of Newburyport, and supposed to be a pattern for a coin of New Hampshire. Mr. Parmelee exhibited several ~~rare~~ choice pieces, including the token of Richard Dawson of Gloucester Co. Virginia, the "Continental Currency" in silver, rare Washingtons &c. The President exhibited some pieces belonging to C. P. Nichols of Springfield, among which were the two French-American medalets, described under Nov. 1869, and some curious tickets or checks for theatres. Mr. Pratt communicated the set of six patterns for the

trade dollar, bought for the Society at their standard value instead of the market price of $15. The Secretary read an extract from a Massachusetts Spy of 1784, containing suggestions for making the coins of the United States serve also as memorial medals. Mr. Slafter read a paper on the connection of Sir Wm. Alexander, Lord Stirling, with the coinage of Scotland, and exhibited specimens of two of the coins belonging to the Secretary. It was voted to the Society that Mr. Slafter be requested to prepare the paper for publication in the Journal of Numismatics. The Society adjourned at 5¼ P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

148 March fifth. The monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. Mr. George F. Creamer of Salem was nominated for resident membership, & under a suspension of the sixth By-law was immediately elected. It was voted that every member of the Society be furnished with a certificate of membership from the plate as altered after the incorporation of the Society, & the President & Secretary were ordered to sign it. Mr. Crosby exhibited one of the "Season" Medals in silver, & an "Immune Columbia" with head of George III. Mr. Parmelee showed several choice pieces, including the little "New York in America" in lead, & two specimens of the token of Richard Dawson of Gloucester Co. Virginia, the "Immunis Columbia" with New Jersey shield, rare Washingtons, &c. Mr. Holland exhibited a Dutch copper medal of 1589, with

arches, whom Mr. Holland thought Indians, shooting at a woman bound to a stake, & a specimen in bronze of the medal presented to G. W. Robinson for saving the life of Secretary Seward. The Secretary exhibited a curious silver medal, concerning which information is much wanted, & suggested the possibility of its relating to the Southern Confederacy. The Society adjourned at about 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

April ninth. The Society met this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The President announced donations, viz. a silver medal of Boston Num. & N.E. Hist. Gen. Soc'y. & a pamphlet on the seal of the Confederate States from Isaac F. Wood of N.Y., & a parcel of 130 coins, mostly silver from David M. Balfour of Boston; for both of these the thanks of the Society were voted. Mr. Parmelee exhibited a bright cent of 1858 picked out of a large lot of coppers, also a beautiful impression of the Pitt token, & the three varieties of the New York cent of 1787 with the arms & eagle on the two sides. Mr. George W. Cram of Norwalk, Conn., was present by invitation, & exhibited several rare pieces, including three varieties of the Higley or Granby coppers, the "Non Vi Virtute Vici," the pattern of New Hampshire 1776 with Pine-tree & "American Liberty" on one side, and a harp on reverse, an impression in silver of the $5.00 coin of the Mass. & Cal. Co. 1849, &c. The meeting was very fully attended. The Society adjourned at 5¼ P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

May seventh. The regular monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The President communicated a donation of three French copper medallets from Mr. W. S. Adams. Mr. Isaac F. Wood of New York was elected a Corresponding Member. Mr. George W. Cram of Norwalk, Conn. was elected a Resident Member. Mr. Parmelee exhibited a "Commercial" Dollar of 1872, a piece of whose existence there is no record; the sight of this one brought out various criticisms on the management of affairs at the U.S. Mint. Mr. Crosby exhibited a variety of the Pitt token of 1786, of a smaller size than usual. The Secretary exhibited a bronze medal of the Humane Society of Massachusetts 1866 by Wyon of London, & a silver medal struck in Mexico in 1809 to commemorate events in Spain in 1808, by "un americano amigo del orden." The Society adjourned at about 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

June fourth. The regular meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted; he also read letters from Isaac F. Wood of New York, accepting Corresponding Membership, & from R. A. Brock of Richmond, Va., accompanying a donation of the "Vestry-book of Henrico Parish," for which the thanks of the Society were voted. Messrs. Enoch R. Morse of Boston & Marcellus Littlefield of Woburn were elected Resident Members. Mr. Parmelee exhibited five varieties of cents of 1839, & four of 1843, two differing only in size of the

planchet. Mr. Beamer showed a very good dollar of 1794. Mr. Holland exhibited several medals, mostly relating to Canada, & including the rare one of the war of 1812, with "Upper Canada preserved". Mr. Crosby showed a large gold piece a double-Joannes of Portugal, & a handsome silver crown of Bremen. Mr. Pratt exhibited a very fine cent of 1799, and a parcel of coins from England, including some early pieces of English gold & a few coins belonging to America. The Society adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

July 2 — The Old Colony Club was held this day. The

A HIGH note—one of a thousand dollars.
ONE bad thing about gold—Not having it.
AN appeal to the felin's—Jingling of du-*cats*.
WHERE to go when short of money—go to work.
ALL that *glisters* is not gold. *Merchant of Venice.*
CREDIT to a poor man is expensive, and often ruinous.
AUTHORS, like Coins, grow dear, as they grow old.—*Pope.*
DEBT is the poor man's cancer. True gold fears not the fire.
DEARER than Gold—When you settle for your lodgings at the seaside.
NO people or country can thrive upon a depreciated or shifting currency.
THOSE who are sound on the currency want some Sound in the currency.
"MUCH coin, much care," used once to be quoted as a familiar proverb.
WHEN is money damp? When it is *due* in the morning and *mist* at night.
FOUR bars of soap was the fee a justice in Indiana got for marrying an impecunious couple.
WORDS are wise men's *counters*, they do but reckon by them; but they are the money of fools.
DEAN SWIFT'S use of a *penny* and a *sixpence*. "A penny for lodging—with sixpence for a pair of clean sheets."
IT is base to filch a purse, daring to embezzle a million; but it is great beyond measure to steal a crown. The sin lessens as the guilt increases.
A PAPER at Elgin says that a man's social standing in that town is graded by whether he drops a ten-penny nail or a quarter into the church contribution-box.
SAID a Boston lady to a small boy whom she found crying in the street the other day: "Will you stop crying if I will give you a penny?" "No," said he, "but if you'll make it two cents, I'll stop if it kills me."
FEW among the thriftiest Scotchmen have made a penny go further than a firm of brass and copper wire manufacturers, who recently drew a copper coin into two thousand seven hundred feet—more than half a mile—of wire.

The Society adjourned just before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

October first. The Society met this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. Mr. Crosby exhibited the unique patterns of 1783 for 1000 & 500 units, & the mulled piece of Immune Columbia with Nova Constellatio. Mr. Pratt exhibited a Washington in silver, which is very rare in that metal, with inscription on reverse, "General of the American Armies &c", & a gold crown of Charles I of England, & a copper coin of Mary of Scotland. The Society adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

November fifth. The regular monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The President announced the death of Mr. R. S. Spague, & the Secretary read a letter from his widow. The President communicated a donation of several U.S. cents from Rev. Samuel Cutler, for which the thanks of the Society were voted. Mr. Holland exhibited three medals in tin, two from the U.S. mint of Agassiz & Hon. James Pollock, & one struck to commemorate the Fourth of July 1873 as celebrated by the Americans at Stuttgart. The President showed a steel die of the Province of Mass. 1752 for three-pence. The Secretary exhibited an impression in bronze of the medal of Upper Canada Preserved, which has on the edge the name of the recipient, Serg.t W. Ross. The Society adjourned at 5 P.M.

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Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

July second. The monthly meeting was held this day. The
157 Secretary read the report of the last meeting, and two letters from Isaac P. Wood of New York, accompanying donations of a large lot of catalogues of auction coin-sales, and the cancelled die of the Num. Soc. side of the "Societies' Medal," so called, issued by Mr. Wood; for these the thanks of the Society were voted. The Secretary also read a letter from Geo. C. Thompson of Phil. to Mr. Pratt, relating to the "Commercial" dollar of 1872. Mr. Parmelee exhibited the mule of the Kentucky or Middleton token with the copper Co. of Upper Canada, the very rare "fillet-head" Washington, and a token of Southampton, which has on edge "United States of America." The Secretary exhibited a few medals lately added to his series of Admiral Vernon, which now numbers 84 varieties. The Society adjourned just before 5 P.M.

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Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

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Mr. Philip S. Sprague, a resident member of the *Boston Numismatic Society*, died at Montpelier, Vt., his native place, on the sixth day of August last, in the forty-fifth year of his age. We have received from an intimate friend of his the following notice of our late member: — "About 1862 he commenced the study of Entomology with me at the State Cabinet of Natural History, displaying a marked taste for the Lepidoptera, and during the intervals of his business made considerable progress in biological investigations, as well as in the technology of the science. Circumstances soon induced him to direct his attention chiefly to the Coleoptera, and here his assiduity in making collections, his accuracy in the determination of species, and his studies in the microscopic anatomy of thisorder, gave his opinions weight among naturalists. His keen appreciation of the labors of his predecessors, and his love of neatness and method evinced themselves in all that he did. At the time of his death he had been for some months a valuable assistant and member of the Boston Society of Natural History, where many of his works remain to speak for themselves. Among his associates there, he was distinguished for his geniality of manner and never failing readiness to assist younger students. At the time of his death his fame and foreign correspondence were somewhat extended, and he was actively engaged in the preparation of materials for an illustrative cabinet of the Natural History of his native State. He had published from time to time in the Canadian Entomologist and the Proceedings of the Natural History Society carefully elaborated results of his work, and contributed to various other periodicals devoted to his favorite branch of investigation. His fine private cabinet of insects, principally of the Coleopterous Order, in accordance with his expressed determination, forms a part of the Museum of the Society to which he was attached, and is in itself no mean monument to his memory." F. G. S.

Mr. Sprague was elected a member of this Society, May 5, 1860.

December third. The regular meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. Mr. Morse presented a head of Franklin, struck from the metal of the bell of the old Franklin School-house, Boston. The President exhibited three small antique copper coins, belonging to Mr. Kenby; two are of Beirut. Mr. Parmelee showed a half-dollar of 1797, & Mr. Creamer an exceedingly fine cent of 1856. Mr. Morse exhibited some coins from Siam & Burmah, & a fine piece of six livres of the French Republic 1793. Mr. Lord showed a set of the new Japanese money. Mr. Pratt & Dr. Green were appointed a Committee to nominate at the next meeting a list of officers for the coming year. The Society adjourned shortly before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

1875. January seventh. The annual meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted; also a letter from Isaac T. Wood of New York, accompanying donations of a pamphlet from himself & from John Bowne of Washington. Mr. Pratt for the Committee to nominate Officers reported the old board for reelection; the report was accepted, & the persons named were declared Officers for the present year. The Treasurer made his annual report, from which it appears that the Society is in good financial condition, with $481 in bank. The thirteenth by-law was altered, so that the meetings shall be held on the first Friday of each month, except when that shall be the first day, &

then on the second Friday. The President exhibited a copper coin which seems to be an impression of the die of a pine-tree shilling, struck over a copper of George I.; also letters containing all the facts known about it, which were read by the Secretary. Mr. Pratt showed an impression in bronze of the medal, Conquest of Canada Completed. Mr. Holland exhibited five Venice coins & medals, generally of 1866. The Secretary showed an impression in gold of the medal of Washington by Manley; it is taken from the die before any change was made, & is so far as known unique. The Society adjourned just before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

February fifth. The monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted, & a letter from Isaac T. Wood of N.Y., accompanying a donation of two pamphlets.* Mr. Dudley R. Child of Boston was elected a Resident Member. Mr. Robinson exhibited several coins, among which were an antique gold of Carthage, & very perfect cents of 1826 & 28, lately found in circulation at Salem. The President showed a crown & half-crown of Oliver Cromwell. Mr. Holland exhibited three pieces, two of which are especially curious, viz. the silver medal of Charles III. of Spain, with rev. of a rose & juan estevan de pena Florida 1760, a bronze medal of 1817, "Deus Mac Gregorio Libertas Floridarum", Rev. "Amelia Vani Vide Vici," & the coin issued by James II of England apparently for circulation among Spanish. Mr. Crosby showed a newly-discovered copper, with the New Jersey

* The first was a fac-simile from a manuscript announcing the death of Manchester, Mass. 10 Jan. 1875, Thomas Wilson, a Revolutionary Soldier, aged 25 years on the 25th of Dec. 1775, a member of the Regulators.

shield, & head of Washington, int. Gen. Washington, similar to two in the collection of the Secretary, XII & XIII of his list. The Secretary exhibited two medals of the Centennial Commission. The Society adjourned shortly before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

March fifth. The Society met this day. The [illegible]

we presume the dies were destroyed.

THE second number of the *Decorah Numismatic Journal*, April, 1875, has reached us; it is issued quarterly and is well worth the subscription price — fifty cents per annum. Remittances sent to E. W. Holway, Decorah, Iowa, will receive attention.

THE low price of silver in Europe promises to be permanent, and the prospects of an issue of silver coins and the retirement of the paper currency, which we have so long advocated, is improving.

A new silver coin of the value of twenty cents has been authorized by Congress, and will soon be put in circulation.

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A PENNY saved is a penny gained.

A VERITABLE book is an old coin.

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thanks of the Society were voted. The President exhibited two medals belonging to Henry S. Adams of the Society; one is the large Washington mourning medal by Perkins, & the other a small oval medal on the same event, the rev. of which represents America weeping over an urn. Mr. Parmelee showed very fine cents of 1801, 02, 04, 07, 20, & a set of dollar, half, quarter, 10, 5, & 3 cents of 1870 in copper & aluminium, with a newly-designed head & the regular reverse. Mr. Crosby exhibited the very rare piece combining the Confederate with the U.S., Libertas & Justitia 1785. Mr. Creamer showed a half-eagle of 1815 in only moderately good condition. The President communicated a donation from J. E. Bidwell of Middletown, Conn. of a German book on Numismatics. The Secretary read a short paper on the events concerning the Florida piece of 1817 exhibited by Mr. Holland in February. The Society adjourned a little before 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

May seventh. The regular meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted; & letters from Geo. W. Cram, accompanying a medal of Washington, supposed to be by Perkins, but really by Davis of Birmingham, England, & from D. Presty, inclosing a rubbing of a copper of 5 centesimi of the Republic of San Marino. Mr. Holland exhibited a large Centennial medal in silver, & the curious tin medal with inc. Felicitas Britannia et America. Mr. Creamer showed a fine cent of 1795 & a remarkably good one of 1817 on ob. Mr. Root exhibited

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Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

Hon. Thomas H. Wynne, of Richmond, Va, died in that city, on the twenty-fourth of February last, in the fifty-seventh year of his age. Mr. Wynne has held many positions of honor and trust in political and business relations in that city and State. With us he is most kindly remembered for the enthusiastic interest he took in historical matters, particularly in the colonial history of Virginia. He was the Secretary of the Virginia Historical Society, of which he was the most active member, as well as being connected with other literary institutions. He had published, (for private circulation among his friends and various historical societies in which he took great interest,) several volumes of historical works. He has been a valued correspondent of the *Journal*, and his numismatic friends have been the recipients from him of many curiosities, such as fac-similes of medals, seals, coins, Indian badges, old manuscripts, &c., &c. His loss will be greatly felt among historical students in his native State. Mr. Wynne was elected a corresponding member of the *Boston Numismatic Society* in July, 1871.

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a fine half-dollar of 1796 with fifteen stars, & beautiful cents, viz. 1793 Ameri, 1793 wreath, 1794, 1795, 1819 & 1821. The Secretary showed a sheet with rubbings of the ten half-dollars of 1838, prepared from the pieces by Rob. C. Davis of Philadelphia; & a morocco case of two medals found in the Emperor's rooms in the Tuileries after his flight; one with the head of the Prince Imperial, a medal designed for the Exposition of 1867, was much admired. The Society adjourned at 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

June fourth. The monthly meeting was held this day. The
16 Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted, & a letter from George N. Dillingham accompanying a donation to the Society of an oval bronze medal on the introduction of water into Havana; thanks were voted for it. Mr. Beaman exhibited five cents of 1821, 2, 5 & 8. Mr. Child showed a beautiful cent of 1794, two of 1814, a dollar of 1799, & medals of Isaiah Coffin & Fillmore's Peace Jubilee. Mr. Holland exhibited a half thaler of Hesse of 1776. The Society adjourned before 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

October first. The Society met this day. The Secretary read
12 the report of the last meeting, which was accepted, & a letter from Rev. J. M. Finotti, resigning membership, which was accepted with regret. The President communicated a donation from Geo. W. Cram of the Mecklenburg Centennial medal in silver & bronze. The President also

1815 mentioned the death since the last meeting of three members of the Society, Dr. W. Lewis, a founder and the first President, J. K. Wiggin, also a founder and at one time Treasurer, & J. L. Root, whose membership was of comparatively recent date. Mr. Holland exhibited two centennial imitations of medals in wood with the head of Washington, & a silver medal with the building at Philadelphia, of which only ten were struck in that metal; he said that already twenty-four centennial medals have been issued. The Secretary showed a half-dollar of 1838, with rev. of a rising eagle with six arrows, of which variety only three are known. The meeting was to have been devoted to an exhibition of Washingtons & other patterns of 1791, 2, 3, but no person brought anything except the Secretary, who showed nos. 20-35 of his printed list of Washington pieces, & also the two large cents of 1792, the small in copper, the disme in copper & the half-disme. The Society adjourned a little before 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

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13 The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted, & letters from Isaac P. Wood of N.Y. accompanying donations of several medals & pamphlets. Mr. Neely showed a curious small medal of Washington. Mr. Holland exhibited three medals on the sea-fight at Vigo, & the set of four pieces of silver of Queen Anne, struck from the bullion captured

there. The Secretary showed the silver-centre cent of 1792 & some rare mules of half-dollars of 1859 from the Cohen collection; one has Laquet's head with the regular reverse, & three have the pattern seated figure of Liberty with the reverses designed for the head. The meeting was particularly devoted to an exhibition of Rd. coins of 1793 & 94 but there were few exhibitors. Mr. Holland showed four cents of 1793, & two of 1794; Mr. Crosby nineteen cents & four half-cents of 1793, & six cents & four half-cents of 1794; the Secretary nine cents & two half-cents of 1793, dollar, two half-dollars, two half-dimes, six cents & two half-cents of 1794. The ~~meeting~~ Society adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec

December third. The regular meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The President appointed Messrs. Green & Robinson a committee to nominate officers for 1876, to report at the annual meeting in January; also Mr. Davenport to examine the Treasurer's accounts. The meeting was devoted to an exhibition of Rd. coins of 1795, but nothing was brought, except by Mr. Crosby two cents & two half-cents, & by the Secretary an eagle, three half-eagles, three dollars, two half-dollars, two half-dimes, six cents & two half-cents. The Society adjourned shortly before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

1876. January seventh. The annual meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted, & a letter from Isaac F. Wood of New York, enclosing impressions

of his Centennio-Satirical medal of Washington, the die of the reverse having been altered & improved. The Committee to nominate Officers for the present year reported the names of the old board for re-election; their report was accepted & adopted. The Treasurer presented his annual report, showing the finances of the Society to be in good condition. Mr. Child proposed Dr. Thomas Hall jr. for membership, & under a suspension of the eighth by-law he was immediately elected. Mr. Crosby exhibited a kind of seal or medal of the same style of work as the one exhibited (the third) at the meeting of April 1869, of

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OBITUARY.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS PRATT.

Mr. George Williams Pratt, a resident member, and one of the founders of the *Boston Numismatic Society*, died in this city on the 13th day of January last, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, having been born in Boston on the 27th day of May, 1802. He graduated at Harvard University in 1821. His father, William Pratt, came from Derby, England, about 1785, and for many years was an honored member of the well known firm of Boott & Pratt of this city. Mr Pratt was an admirer of the beauties of nature and art. Some forty years ago the curiosity shop of the late John Warren, then situated on the site now occupied by the Boston Museum, was the resort of many persons who were interested in Conchology; he was a constant visitor and a favorite of Mr. Warren, who, in the preface to a work published by him on Conchology in 1834, says, "George Williams Pratt, Esq., I am bound to acknowledge as my patron." The prices of fine and rare shells have far exceeded the highest prices ever paid for medals or coins. To own a fine "Cypræ Aurantium" or a "Conus Gloria Maris" was as much desired then as collectors of coins of the present day are to possess a dollar of 1804 or the rarest Washington cent. Collections of shells are not sought for now as formerly, but the beautiful and valuable cabinet, presented by his late sister to the Boston Natural History Society, is in part the evidence of his good taste and judgment. For many years he has been much interested in Horticulture, and as a member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society he has done much to promote the objects of its organization, of which he was one of its first members. His love of flowers and plants led him to procure from abroad new varieties and rarities, which were freely tendered to others interested in the same objects. A short time before his decease — but a few weeks since — while showing the writer the six fine portraits by the celebrated Boston artist Copley, which adorn the walls of his residence, he was as enthusiastic on their beauties as when years ago he was selecting the choice specimens from the conchological cabinet of his old friend Warren. In whatever situation he was placed, he was always attentive, courteous and obliging. The possession of a fine medal or coin was as much desired that it might give others an opportunity of admiring it, as for himself. Time had dealt gently with him, and his amiability of character continued to the last.

J. C.

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there. The Secretary showed the silver-centre cent of 1792 & some rare mules of half-dollars of 1859 from the Cohen collection; one has Washington's head with the regular reverse, & three have the pattern seated figure of Liberty with the reverses designed for the head. The meeting was particularly devoted to an exhibition of Wd. coins of 1793 & 94 but there were few exhibitors. Mr. Holland showed four cents of 1793, & two of 1794; Mr. Crosby nineteen cents & four half-cents of 1793, & six cents & four half-cents of 1794; the Secretary nine cents & two half-cents of 1793, dollar, two half-dollars, two half-dimes, six cents & two half-cents of 1794. The ~~meeting~~ Society adjourned at 5 P.M.

THE following Bronze Medals in the Jewett Sale, (see page 88,) are of much rarity :—Obverse, Bust to left. Reverse, Gouverneur Kemble, Born in New York, 1786, enclosed by a wreath, size 64. This was sold for $47.00. Obverse, Bust of Gov'r P. Stuyvesant to right. Reverse, Bust of his wife to left. Size 16. This was sold for $8.00.

A HISTORY of the Cardiff Giant was published in the *New Englander*, (October, 1875, page 159,) printed at New Haven. It was written by W. A. McKinney of Binghamton, New York, and gives a full account of the hoax in every detail. It finishes the subject and leaves nothing more to be said.

WE are informed that the Committee of the National Banks of Boston on the Centennial have issued a Circular inviting subscriptions of the Banks to the Exposition stock, and urging their co-operation in making the National Bank Department what it should be. It is proposed to procure the fine collection of coins now in the United States Mint, and further to add to it by collections of coins of other countries in order to make the chain complete from the shekel to the trade dollar. This department will also be contributed to, by numismatists all over the world.

CURRENCY.

LITTLE and often fills the purse.

GOLD is less precious than virtue.

MONEY makes fewer friends than enemies.

A FRACTION in currency, and the height of fashion — "Mil-ton."

MONEY is like a fertilizer, it must be spread to produce much good.

TO A SOFT DOLLAR—BY A DISREPUTABLE PARTY.

THOU dirty rag, bad smelling, soiled and torn,
  Thou puttest on more frills than seemeth just:
The pictures on thy face are dim and worn,
  And thou art worthy only of disgust.
Away! I would have gold for currency!
  Bright, gleaming, splendid, rare, barbaric gold!
And shining silver is the change for me,
  As in the halcyon specie days of old.
But stay! I'll not destroy thee yet, methinks,
  For gold I have not; but I have thee, sure;
And thou, though soiled, art good for numerous drinks,

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of his Centennio-Satirical medal of Washington, the die of the reverse having been altered & improved. The Committee to nominate Officers for the present year reported the names of the old board for re-election; their report was accepted & adopted. The Treasurer presented his annual report, showing the finances of the Society to be in good condition. Mr. Child proposed Dr. Thomas Hall jr. for membership, & under a suspension of the eighth by-law he was immediately elected. Mr. Crosby exhibited a kind of seal or medal of the same style of work as the one exhibited (the third) at the meeting of April 1875, of which a copy was now shown also. Mr. Holland showed a small copper medal with an eagle on obv., & on rev. independence, union, july 4. 1776 in an oak-wreath. The meeting was devoted to an exhibition of Wd. coins of 1796; Mr. Child showed two dollars, quarter, dime & seven cents; Mr. Crosby three cents & half-cent; Mr. Holland quarter & cent; & the Secretary eagle, half-eagle, two quarter-eagles, two dollars, two halves, two quarters, three dimes, half-dime, seven cents & half-cent. The Society adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec

February fourth. The monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The President noticed the death of Mr. G. W. Pratt, one of the founders of the Society; he also distributed to such as wished them the proof sets of this year lately received from the Mint. Mr. Child exhibited a beautiful cent of 1794. Dr.

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Green showed impressions in silver & bronze of the Libertas Americana, Rev. Non sine Dis &c, & a casting of the same; also an old pair of sleeve-buttons with head of John Adams. The meeting was devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins of 1797, but nothing was brought except by Mr. Child five cents and half-cent; & by the Secretary three eagles, three half-eagles, quarter-eagle, two dollars, half-dollar, two dimes, three half-dimes, two cents & three half-cents. He also exhibited the bronze medal lately struck on occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of Rev. Dr. Furness in Philadelphia. The obverse has simply his head to left, with W. H. Furness D.D. behind, & below W. C. Barber. Rev. 1825–1875 in honor of a pastorate of 50 years over the first unitarian society philadelphia, in eight lines within a wreath of two olive-branches, drawn with unusual freedom; it is one of the most creditable, as well as one of the newest, of American medals. The Society adjourned at 5.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

March third. The Society met this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The President communicated a donation from Mr. Warner of medals struck on the golden wedding of his parents, & from W. A. Brock of three "confederate" bonds. Dr Green exhibited the Italian medal found among the roots of the old Elm on the Common, & the large bronze medal of Kossuth described in the Journal, X. 6. Mr. Rolland showed several medals, including that of the battle of Germantown, the medal presented to Gen. Green in lead, the

medal presented to Dr Fleury in bronze, & the obv. of that presented to Henry Lee in bronze. The meeting was devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins of 1798 & 9. Mr. Child showed half-eagle, two dollars & four cents of 1798, & three dollars & cent of 1799; Mr. Crosby seven cents of 1798 & two cents of 1799; the Secretary two eagles, two half-eagles, quarter-eagle, four dollars, two dimes & four cents of 1798, & eagle, three half-eagles, three dollars & two cents of 1799. The Society adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

April seventh. The regular monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted, & a letter from Isaac T. Wood of N.Y. enclosing the Washington medal of St. John's Guild Hospital, with an impression of a repeated reverse & a broken obverse. Dr. Hall exhibited a specimen of the small & rare piece "Nova Gorke in America", & a beautiful New Jersey cent. Mr. Rolland showed the "Indian" medals of George II & III, the obverse of a medal of DeWitt Clinton & a small one said to have the heads of Peter Stuyvesant & his wife. The Secretary exhibited a silver medal of the "True Blue Club" 1812, & some rare patterns of the U.S. Mint of 1870 & 75. The meeting was devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins of 1800 & 1. Mr. Child showed half-eagle, two dollars, two cents & two half-cents of 1800, dollar, half, & three cents of 1801; Mr. Crosby two cents & half-cent of 1800, & cent of 1801; the Secretary eagle, half-eagle, dollar, two dimes, two half-dimes, three cents & half-cent of 1800, & eagle, dollar, half-dollar, dime, half-dime, & five cents of 1801. The Society adjourned just before 5.

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May fifth. The regular meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted, & a letter from Isaac T. Wood of N.Y. accompanying a donation to the Society of the large medal struck by the Amer. Num. & Archeol. Soc. in honor of Abraham Lincoln; the thanks of the Soc. were voted to Mr. Wood. Mr. Holland presented an impression in gutta-percha of an old die with head of Rev. Dr. W.E. Channing; it has a blank reverse. Mr. Child exhibited five cents of 1808 & 25. The meeting was devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins of 1802 & 03. Mr. Crosby showed seven cents & half-cent of 1802, & five cents & half-cent of 1803; Mr. Child showed half-eagle, two dollars, half dollar, five cents & half-cent of 1802, & two dollars, half-dollar, four cents & half-cent of 1803; the Secretary half-eagle, quarter-eagle, two dollars, half-dollar, dime, half-dime, seven cents & half-cent of 1802, & two eagles, half-eagle, dollar, half-dollar, dime, half-dime, six cents & three half-cents of 1803. The Society adjourned shortly before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

June second. The monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting which was accepted. The President nominated W. T. R. Marvin for resident membership, & under a suspension of the sixth By-Law he was elected. Mr. Holland presented to the Society the dies of the medal of Rev. Dr. Channing, mentioned in last report, with the condition that no more medals be struck from them; a special vote of thanks was passed. Mr. Holland exhibited three varieties of Mormon gold coin. Mr. Child showed a

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silver medal on the completion of the railway from Mejia to Arequipa in South America. Dr. Green exhibited a bronze medal with heads of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. Florence struck to celebrate the 100th performance of the "Mighty Dollar." Dr. Hall showed a curious lead piece of this shape ⬚, with a serpent on one side and words *pax* & *pretium*, & on the other *disperse* & a cross & figures 1117. The Secretary exhibited a strange silver piece, with characters, which have some seeming, but probably not real, connection with masonry. The meeting was devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins of 1804, 05, 06. Mr. Crosby showed two cents & six half-cents of 1804, cent & half-cent of 1805, & cent & two half-cents of 1806; Mr. Child showed quarter-eagle, two cents & four half-cents of 1804, two half-dollars, two cents & half-cent of 1805, & two half-dollars, cent & half-cent of 1806; the Secretary eagle, half-eagle, quarter-eagle, dollar, quarter, two dimes, cent & three half-cents of 1804, half-eagle, quarter-eagle, two half-dollars, quarter, two dimes, half-dime, two cents & half-cent of 1805, and two half-eagles, quarter-eagle, two half-dollars, quarter, cent & two half-cents of 1806. The Society adjourned a little before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

July seventh. The Society met this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. Mr. Marvin exhibited some Masonic Medals, including a French one lately struck on occasion of the Centennial of the U.S. Mr. Holland showed several curious medals, viz., the large silver Indian medal of George III, a smaller silver medal of Geo. III, with a

lion & wolf & distant church on rev, a gold engraved medal, with ins. "Beaver Club instituted 1785," & on rev. "Henry Mackenzie 1797," a copper medal with Montreal & a view of the city, & de f stamped below, rev. Tankalkil. Mohegians, & a tin medal of Victoria, struck for the Indians on occasion of the cession of the rights of the North West Company. The meeting was devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins 1807-10, but nothing was brought, except by the Secretary, who showed two half-eagles, quarter-eagle, two half-dollars, quarter-dollar, dime, four cents & half-cent of 1807, half-eagle, quarter-eagle, half-dollar, two cents & half-cent of 1808; half-eagle, half-dollar, dime, two cents & two half-cents of 1809, half-eagle, half-dollar, four cents & half-cent of 1810. The Society adjourned just before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

172 October sixth. The regular monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The President announced a donation from Wm. P. Coolbaugh of Oshkosh, Wis, & another of several Japanese coins from Mr. C. Laurence of Boston. Dr. Fowle exhibited some beautiful French bronze medals. The Secretary showed two exceedingly rare mule-half-dollars, being the two obverses of the coinage of 1839 with the flying-eagle reverse. The meeting was devoted to an exhibition of U.S. coins 1811-6, but nothing was brought, except by the Secretary, who showed half-dollar, dime, two cents & half-cent of 1811, half-dollar & five cents of 1812, half-dollar & three cents of 1813, half-dollar, two dimes & three cents

of 1814, half-dollar & quarter-dollar of 1815, & four cents of 1816. The Society adjourned a little before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

173 November third, 1876. The regular monthly meeting was held this day, the President in the chair. In the absence of Mr. Appleton, who has recently sailed for Europe, Mr Marvin was chosen Secretary pro tem. The report of the last meeting was read & approved. Dr. Green presented two advertising cards, struck in rubber, giving times of departure of trains, on Shore line, & Stonington lines. Size 20. He also exhibited a superb Russian Silver Medal, size 41. and read a brief description of it, prepared for him by the courtesy of Captain L. P. Semetschkin, of the Russian Navy, Aid de Camp to H. I. H. the Grand duke Constantine, of Russia, as follows:— "This is a Medal commemorative of the Centen-
"nial of the Academy of Science, at St. Petersburg, Russia.
"On the obverse is represented a bust in profile to right, of the Emperor
"Nicholas I, with the legend (in modern Russ characters) By the
"grace of God, Nicholas I, Emperor & autocrat of all the Russias.
"On the reverse is represented Pallas, seated, & crowning with
"her right hand, a double bust. (in jamas from on a pedestal)
"of the Emperors Peter the Great, & Nicholas I. Above, the
"legend, To the founder & to the Keepers. On the base of the
"statue is the name of the artist Composed & engraved by Count L. Tolstoy, (which also
"appears in very small letters on the obverse, under the bust.) On
"exergue, Imperial Academy of Science in St. Petersburg, Secon

1876 "ber xxix, anno MDCCCXXXI." Mr. Child exhibited two very fine cents of 1814. Mr. Marvin exhibited some Masonics, including a rare French medal of Cambacerès, in silver, one of the Lodge of the Pyramids, at Alexandria, Egypt, in bronze, and a curious shell from a die, or seal, loaned him by Mr. D. Proskey. Also a silver medal of McLellan Lodge, one of the Army Lodges in the late rebellion. Mr Colburn brought two Catalogues, one of the Paul Henckel Sale, in Berlin, very carefully prepared, & handsomely printed, which was presented to the Society by the compiler, Herr A. Weyl, of Berlin; the other a fine quarto, illustrated with many copper-plate engravings, containing descriptions of the coins & medals struck in Hamburg, Germany, which was presented by G. F. Ulex, Esq. of that city. The thanks of the Society were voted for these valuable gifts. The President proposed Dr. Rob. Morris of La Grange, Ken. as a Corresponding Member. Remarks were made on the Diplomatic Medal, recently struck at the Phila. Mint, which was brought to light by members of the Society. Adjourned at 5. P.M.

W. T. R. Marvin Acting Secy.

R Morris

December 1. 1876. A regular monthly meeting was held this afternoon, Pres. Colburn in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read & approved, Dr. Robert Morris of La Grange, Kentucky, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member. Mr. Colburn then

presented in behalf of Mr. Edward Cogan, of New York, 14 bronze & 4 white metal medals, of which the following is a brief description of a portion furnished [by Mr. Colburn]

I. Obv. Bust. "Albert, Prince of Wales."
Rev. Arms of the Prince. "For the recovery of the Prince, Feb. 1872."

II. Obv. Bust "Alexandre Bixio"
Rev. Inscription, "23 Juin, 1848."

III. Obv. Bust. "F. Mazois, Archit" &c
Rev. "Ruines de Pompei; Palais du Scaurus, Pestum &c

IV. Obv. Bust Louis Marie, de Lescure"
Rev. Wreath & Inscription. "Galerie de la Fidelité"

V. Obv. Bust. Etienne-Joseph Louis Garnier-Pages."
Rev. Inscription.

VI. Obv. Bust Fridericus Klopstock
Rev. Inscription.

VII Obv. Bust. Salomon Gessner.
Rev. Inscription.

VIII Pattern piece in copper Republique Française 10 centimes, 1848

IX Ob. Bust. G. Washington. Pres. Unit. Sta.
Rev. Commiss. &c. 1797 (Largest size)

X Ob. Con. La Triple Garantia above, and Desato a un orbe de el otro below two hemispheres from each of which hangs an end of a broken chain. Rev. A wreath of very thin leaves, Segunda Epoca. Below is the name of the artist, J. Buenero. (See Journal of Numismatics, Vol V. p. 49-50.)

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The thanks of the Society were voted to Mr Cogan, for his valuable gift. Mr. Holland showed three varieties of the "West Virginia Soldiers Medals." I. Medal for those Honorably Discharged, same as No 1. described by Hayden Journal, vol. x, p. 79 - gilt. It is the first class provided for by the State Resolution, copied by Hayden. II. Obv. A battle scene; a mounted officer with sword drawn is leading a charge; behind him, to right, United States troops with fixed bayonets, & flag flying, follow closely. To the left in the foreground a dismounted cannon, and in the distance dead bodies & flying troops. In exergue, the seal &c of the State, same as I. Rev. Wreath & inscription, presented &c. same as I. Ribbon & pin, same as I. except that the inscription is Killed in battle. Copper, gilt. Size 24. (Numbered II. because corresponding to number two of the Resolution). III. Same as Haydens No. 2. i.e. "For Liberty" with Catafalque &c. gilt. This Medal corresponds to classes three & four of the Resolution, — for those dying of disease or wounds, contracted in the service; and is, Mr. Dewhurst says, the only other variety struck. Mr. Holland also showed a duplicate of I. except that it was bronzed, & had a soldier's name engraved on the edge; a large bronze Medal of Gen. Naglee size 18, of which but few were struck; a white metal of Reno, size

22, of which it is said only two were struck, and two silver "copper heads," Obverse, Siegel, on horseback, & reverses, "Union forever," & "a penny saved is a penny earned." Mr Gallaroin showed five or six Masonic, — Knights Templar Medals, most of which were struck for the Centennial Celebration in Philadelphia in June last.

Mr. Colburn presented in behalf of Mr. Attinelli, his new work entitled "Numisgraphics," a List of Catalogues of Coins & Medals sold. &c. for which the thanks of the Society were voted.

The President appointed Messrs Davenport & Child a Committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, & to examine the Treasurers account, & report at the Annual meeting in January next. The Society adjourned at five o'clock

N. S. R. Marvin,
Acting Secretary

1877 January 5. The annual meeting was held this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, the President in the chair. The records of the previous meeting were read & approved. Mr. Child in behalf of the committee appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year, reported the names of the present incumbents, & they were accordingly elected, as follows, President, J. Colburn; Vice President & Curator, Henry Davenport; Secretary, Wm S. Appleton; Treasurer, John Robinson;

1877 Mr. Marvin was appointed Acting Secretary during the absence of Mr. Appleton. The Treasurer presented his annual report, properly audited, & showing a handsome balance to the credit of the Society. which on motion was accepted. Mr. Child moved that the Secretary be authorized to procure a copy of a priced Catalogue of all the important coin sales, at the expense of the Society, for its Library. which was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The President laid before the Society donations from J. F. Wood, Esq., of New York, as follows:— Oval Medalet of Lincoln, O. Bust to left. Rev. Legend Abraham Lincoln, ★ 15th April. 1865 ★ In centre, Martyr to Liberty. Gilt.

Set of Medalets, Silver, copper & white-metal. Obv. McPherson, mounted. Legend McPherson. In exergue 1864. Rev. Society Army of the Tennessee, Washington city, 1876. Size 14. 25 sets were struck.

Lafayette Medal. in white-metal. Obv. Bust to left, on one side of which General, & on the other Lafayette. Reverse, Defender of American and French Liberty, ✡ Born 1757, Died 1834 ★ Statue in ★ New York ★ unveiled Sept. 6. 1876. ✡ Centennial ✡ in nine lines. Size 20 The dies were by Geo. H. Lovett, New York Twenty-five sets in copper, brass & tin were struck & 28 in silver,

for Collectors. The portrait was from a cameo brought from France, some interesting facts in regard to which Mr. Wood proposed to communicate hereafter. The thanks of the Society were voted for the acceptable gift.

Mr. Holland showed a small Hayes & Wheeler medal. Obv. Bust of Hayes to left. Rev. President R. B. Hayes. Vice President, W. Wheeler 1876, in five lines—(names in German type,) Size 16. and A medal of the Chrysler's Farm, Canada, (See Journal, January number, 1877,) Silver, Size 23.

The Acting Secretary showed a small silver medal of the Lodge of the Nine Muses, Paris; a rare gilt medal of the Lodge Archimedes, of Altenburg, die by Loos; one of the Springfield Temple, in white metal; & a silver one of the Lodge of the Three Stars, Anspach.

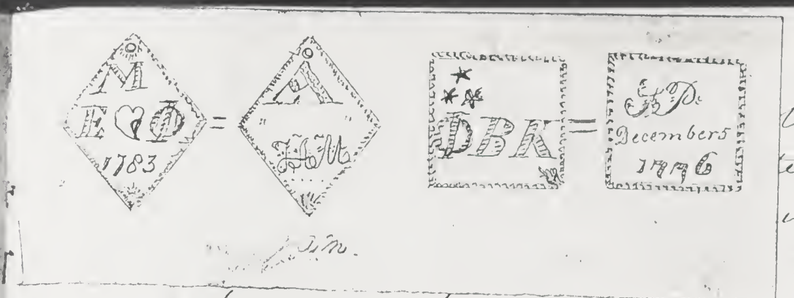
A letter was read from Dr. Rome, accepting the Corresponding membership, and from Mr. Appleton, dated Nice, mentioning some accessions to his collection he had recently made, including two French centennials, (one Masonic,) the money of Milan, Prince of Serona, & of Don Carlos, the Spanish Pretender. He also referred to a paper in one of the last numbers of the Numismatic Chronicle, on the coins of Bermuda, by Gen. Lefroy, an English officer there for some years, who says he

1877 has seen about a dozen of the shillings, mostly in Bermuda, & about half a dozen sixpences, & that they are still occasionally found in the Island. Mr. A says "I cannot give the figures exactly, as I left my copy in Paris; this shows the Sommer Island coins are not so rare as would appear from Mr. Crosby's book".

The Secretary p.t. presented a Catalogue priced from Mr. S. K. Harzfeld, of the late extensive Hess. Sale, for which the thanks of the Society were voted — Adjourned.

W. T. R. Marvin
Acting Secretary.

176 February 2d. The regular monthly meeting was held this afternoon. The President, Mr. Colburn in the chair. The records of the previous meeting were read & approved. Mr. S. S. Crosby showed a very fine dollar of 1795. Mr. Slafter exhibited a curious Scottish piece, — a small silver coin of Charles I. Mr. Holland exhibited nine specimens of Hayes & Wheeler, & Tilden & Hendricks, all from different dies, seven being in silver, & the others in white metal. Mr. Marvin showed a silver coin of Alexander, differing somewhat from the ~~xxxx~~ usual type, & two ancient Polish coins, found in Syria, — which had been loaned him for this meeting by Mr. Hunter. The President showed a drawing of two silver medals sent



Worcester, which [illegible] Φ.B.K. having [illegible] in three Colleges. [illegible] the other has a diamond shape, obverse M E Φ with a leaf(?) under the first & between the second & third letters. & below, date, 1783. Reverse, a large A at top & J. A. M. in script letters below. Probably the badge of a social society. The acting Secretary was desired to write him in reference to the same.

Mr. Holland was appointed a committee to report upon some plan of placing the Society's collection on exhibition, in connection with some other Society, or in the rooms of some public scientific, literary or other society, where it would be accessible for study.

Adjourned about 5. P.M.

W. T. R. Marvin
Acting Secy.

17[illegible] March 2d A regular meeting was held this day. The President, Mr. Colburn, in the chair. The records of the last meeting were read & approved. The President exhibited the medal of Honorary Membership in the American Numismatic & Arch'l Soc'y of New York. Obverse, Seal of the Society, three oak leaves beneath a ribbon inscribed Parva sed pervasit. Reverse, in a wreath of oak, the members name engraved. Legend Founded at New York, & dates

1877 Mr. Colburn, in behalf of J. T. Wood, Esq. presented the Society with two impressions in bronze & white metal, of the Haverford Alumni Prize Medal. Obverse – View of Building and Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Legend, Alumni Association of Haverford College. Reverse Legend, For undergraduate orator. Instituted MDCCCLXXV. round a garter, inscribed Suavitas: subtilitas: acumen: sonitus – within which a space for name of recipient. The medal awarded is struck in gold – Mr. Wood wrote a letter, describing the medal, & the reasons for striking it, which was read, to the Society – & the thanks of the Society were voted for the gift, & his interesting account of the same. Mr. Colburn also showed St. Morris's recent of the Papal medal Stragen Ugendterum – in bronze, & presented the same in his behalf –

Mr. Holland showed the beautiful large bronze medal struck in Switzerland in honor of Agassiz, also fifteen gold & bronze Canadian Medals, of different patterns – some very fine & mostly from dies by Wyon. Mr Crosby showed the fine Copenhagen Centennial International Medal, & Mr. Marvin two Russian Medals, one a silver war Medal, with the all-seeing eye in a luminous triangle & ser. "Not unto us, Not unto us, but to thy name," (in Russian) & a bronze school-medal, very nicely cut, the property of Mr. David Forsley, of New York, & the Washington Hatchet, or cherry tree medal (Masonic) with legend "Magna est Veritas et praevalebit" – in white metal.

1877 Mr. Holland reported progress, on the matter of arranging with some other institution, for a place to deposit the Society's cabinet, where it would be accessible for study – & further time was granted the committee –* Adjourned just before five.

W. T. K. Marvin
Acting Secy –

* A letter from Mr. Appleton was read, describing some acquisitions he had made, & also a very fine collection belonging to Baron Pennisi, principally of ancient Sicilian coins, in which respect it is hardly equalled by any of the great public collections, if indeed it is not the very first. Mr A. could not say how many thousand pieces it contains, but mentioned the fact that there are perhaps thirty drawers of Syracuse alone. It is understood that its owner is now having a catalogue printed – Some of the pieces are unique, or existing only in one or two other collections.

April 6th 1877. A regular meeting was held this afternoon at the usual place. President Colburn in the chair. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. The president laid before the members a gift from Mr. J. T. Wood, of New York, of one of the New York Numismatic & Archaeol. Society's Medals. Struck in white metal, with the rejected reverse for which the thanks of the Society were voted. The

1877 acting Secretary showed several Masonic, including a curious iron medal, on a thin planchet, struck by the Lodge of the Three Skeletons, of Breslau, one in bronze of the "Kolner Urkunde" so called, (XVIII. Marvin's List.) ~~one~~ One of the Lodge Amis Philanthropes, of Brussels, in bronze, and three very fine bronze medals, of Berlin, recently imported by Mr. S. K. Harzfeld of Philadelphia.

On motion further time was granted to the Committee appointed to consider propriety of placing our collection on exhibition, where it can be studied. & the Society, after discussing some matters of interest, adjourned a little before 5.

W. T. R. Marvin
Acting Secy.

May 4. A quarter meeting was held this day, the President in the chair. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. The President communicated to the Society a letter recently received from our Secretary, Mr. Appleton, mentioning some additions he had recently made to his collection, & also giving a brief description of his visit to the National Collection in Naples, which he says is entirely catalogued, & almost entirely arranged for exhibition. It contains some 60,000 pieces, besides a separate one of 12,000, which is kept by itself under the name of a former owner. It is wonderfully rich in ancient & mediaval coins. It has probably

the best collections of the mediaval & modern coins of Naples & Sicily in existence. Of the ancient coins of Naples there are 307, of Tarentum 403, Metapontum 251, Panormus 286, Syracuse, 746, & of Cumæ 214. In the Santangelo collection are 1445 of Naples, 1134 of Tarentum, 375 of Heraclea, 895 of Syracuse, &c. The President also laid before the members the supplement to the Catalogue of the Hoyt sale, containing the prices, & some interesting information relative to the die cutters, mint masters, &c. for which the thanks of the Society were voted.

A Simon medal of Genl Grant; bronze, size 39 (Obv. bust to left. Reverse "Patent of title, &c." was presented to the Society by Mr. E. T. Ward, of New York for which thanks were voted. Mr. Holland exhibited a fine specimen of the very rare Gloriam Regni: 5 sous, one of the new Diplomatic medals, just recut at the Mint, & struck in silver, for the knowledge of which the officials of the Mint were indebted to the researches of our President. The size of this medal is 40. He also showed a fine impression in silver of the Dr. Lancaster Medal, size 50, & a curious antique "Harrison" brooch, painted. Mr. Wright exhibited a fine impression of the cent of 1805. Mr Marvin, several Masonic, one of Mayenburg, another centennial anniversary of a Lodge in Hamburg. (CXII Marvin) "Jetton de presence" of a Rhenish Lodge, & a "member's jewel" or badge from Berlin. Said to

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1877 be very rare. The President showed a duel signed by Hagley, of Connecticut, of "copper" celebrity. Some discussion followed on the pattern pieces occasionally making their appearance as if from the Mint, & the large number of patterns not generally known, that were lately sold, after which the Society adjourned about 5.

W. T. R. Marvin
Actg Secy.

June 1st. A regular monthly meeting was held this day at the usual place, the President in the Chair. The records of the previous meeting were read & approved. In consequence of the extremely unpleasant weather but few members were present, & nothing was brought except by the Acting Secretary, who showed a Washington Masonic Medalet in silver Ob. Head of Washington, Rev. Bible, square & compasses, with the letter G. — and two Masonic Medals of the Commune, (CL. & CLI Marvin's List). A letter was read from Mr. Appleton, dated London, in which he mentioned some interesting coins he which he obtained at Munich. "The most curious is a Revolutionary Dollar, during the old troubles in Mexico, with insc. Viva Fernando VII. y America: I never heard of it before. I took some pains to obtain the varieties of the new German Coinage, & have several of them. I visited the

collection belonging to the Academy, but only a small part is exposed to view, as usual. I asked & was shown the American portion, but it is ridiculously small. It happens curiously enough to contain a proof set of the Mint issue of 1841. xxx A new edition has lately appeared of Hawkins' English Silver coins, with all the information of the last thirty years. It is considered to be very well done, & is certainly useful. xxx" After some discussion of coin catalogues & sales soon to take place, the Society adjourned until the regular meeting for October.

W. T. R. Marvin
Acting Secy.

181 October fifth. The regular meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. He also read several letters accompanying donations viz. from Adolph Weyl of Berlin, two catalogues, one of Prussian coins, the other (unfinished) of American; from Isaac T. Wood of New York, five medals, one of Washington, rev. McPherson, one of Washington, rev. Grant, one of Washington, rev. Lafayette, one of Lafayette, rev. Masonic, & one of Grant, rev. Civis Londinensis; from Horace E. Hayden, a West Virginia Military Medal; from G. P. Thruston of Nashville, a Confederate silver token of 1861; from Joseph B. Ripley of Savannah, a medal of the Savannah Benevolent

association; for all of these the thanks of the Society were ordered. The Secretary exhibited three pieces, a large silver medal struck by the Mexican Academy in honor of its founder, Charles III of Spain, a Mexican revolutionary coin with viva fernando VII y america & a bow & arrow on one side, & congolica 8 R. 1812 & a crossed sword & palm on the other, & a "touch-piece" of Henry IX of England, (Cardinal York.) The Society adjourned at 4.30 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

November second. The monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted, and two letters from Isaac F. Wood of N.Y., accompanying donations of medals, viz. Washington, rev. union for ever 1876, Washington, rev. Martha Washington, Tilden, rev. Manhattan Club reception. Dr. Poole showed several ancient coins, and Mr. Mawson several masonic medals; Mr. Holland showed the masonic medal of Washington, with rev. Fredericksburg, Md., and the Secretary a beautiful dollar of 1802, lately bought at Munich. The Society adjourned at 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

December seventh. The Society met this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. Dr. Green & Mr. Crosby were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the coming year, & Mr. Davenport was appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts. The Secretary showed a

selection of twelve ancient coins of Sicily, soon to be illustrated in the Journal of Numismatics. The Society adjourned at 4.45 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

1878. January fourth. The annual meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The Treasurer presented his annual report, which was accepted. The Committee appointed at last meeting to nominate officers reported the former board for re-election, which was adopted. The Society accepted the resignations of Messrs. Seavey & Rhodes, the latter as of Jan. 1878. It was voted that the names of Messrs. Endicott, Jones, Fisher, Creamer & Morse be dropped from the rolls, unless their past assessments be paid before the next meeting, & that the Secretary so notify them. Mr. Holland showed a collection of 24 medals relating to the War with Mexico, including several of Generals Taylor & Scott, that given by the State of Louisiana, that of the Palmetto Regiment, that given to the Charleston Co., that given to the N.Y. Regiment, that given to Col. Duncan, & that to Lt. Col. Bliss. The President exhibited a parcel of coins, medals & tokens belonging to J. N. T. Levick of N.Y., a list of which is inserted. The Society adjourned at 4.50 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

February first. The regular monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The President announced a donation from Thomas Warner of Cohocton, N.Y., of medals of the Old Round House, Leroy, N.Y., one

with inscription on rev. & two with Masonic rev. The Secretary announced a donation from Isaac T. Wood of N.Y. of the Washington Monument medal in brass. The thanks of the Society were voted for both. The Society adjourned at 4.30 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

March first. The regular meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. The President announced the death of J. J. Mickley of Philadelphia, an Hon. Member. Dr. Green announced a donation from the Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund of their bronze medal with head of Geo. Peabody. Mr. Child exhibited a brass medal of the Children's Professorship of Shurtleff College 1867. The Society adjourned at 5.10 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

April fifth. The monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted. Messrs. W. Poillon of New York and G. F. Uler of Hamburg, Germany were elected Corresponding Members. Mr. Holland showed a series of the Annual Essay Medals of the U.S. Mint. Mr. Cosby exhibited a peculiar variety of New Jersey cent, with the small running animal after the inscription & with spelling Nova Cesarea. Mr. Mavin showed a number of Masonic & other medals, and Mr. Davenport a medal of Shurtleff College (see March report) apparently of brass silver-plated; he read a letter concerning it, from which it appears that the head of that of

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Dr. Pattisons. The Secretary exhibited several medals lately bought at auction in Berlin; three are silver medallets of Louis XV for the "Colonies Francaises de l'Amerique," one has the head of George II, rev. Canada Subdued 1760, and another is the medal with French inst. struck at Brussels in honor of John Brown. The Society adjourned just before 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

May third. The Society met this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted, & a letter from Mr. Poillon of New York accepting Corresponding Membership. Mr. Robinson exhibited a half-penny of George III 1775, with his doubts as to the genuineness of the coin, he being inclined to consider it an imitation. Mr. Cosby showed a tetradrachm of Alexander the Great with mint-mark of a cap & star. Dr. Foote exhibited a large silver German marriage-medal with the scene at the wedding at Cana on one side. The Society adjourned soon after 4.30 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.

June seventh. The regular monthly meeting was held this day. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, which was accepted, also a letter from G. F. Uler of Hamburg, accepting Corresponding Membership, and one from I. T. Wood of New York, accompanying a medal of the Dutch Lodge. The President exhibited a copy of the work of J. F. Loubat on the National Medals of the U.S. Mr. Mavin exhibited two shells forming together a masonic medal, &

a masonic medal of the Round House, Leroy, N.Y.
The Secretary showed three silver medallets of the Colonies Françaises de l'Amerique, recently received from Berlin at private sale, & all different from those previously in his possession. The Society adjourned at about 5 P.M.

Wm. S. Appleton, Sec.